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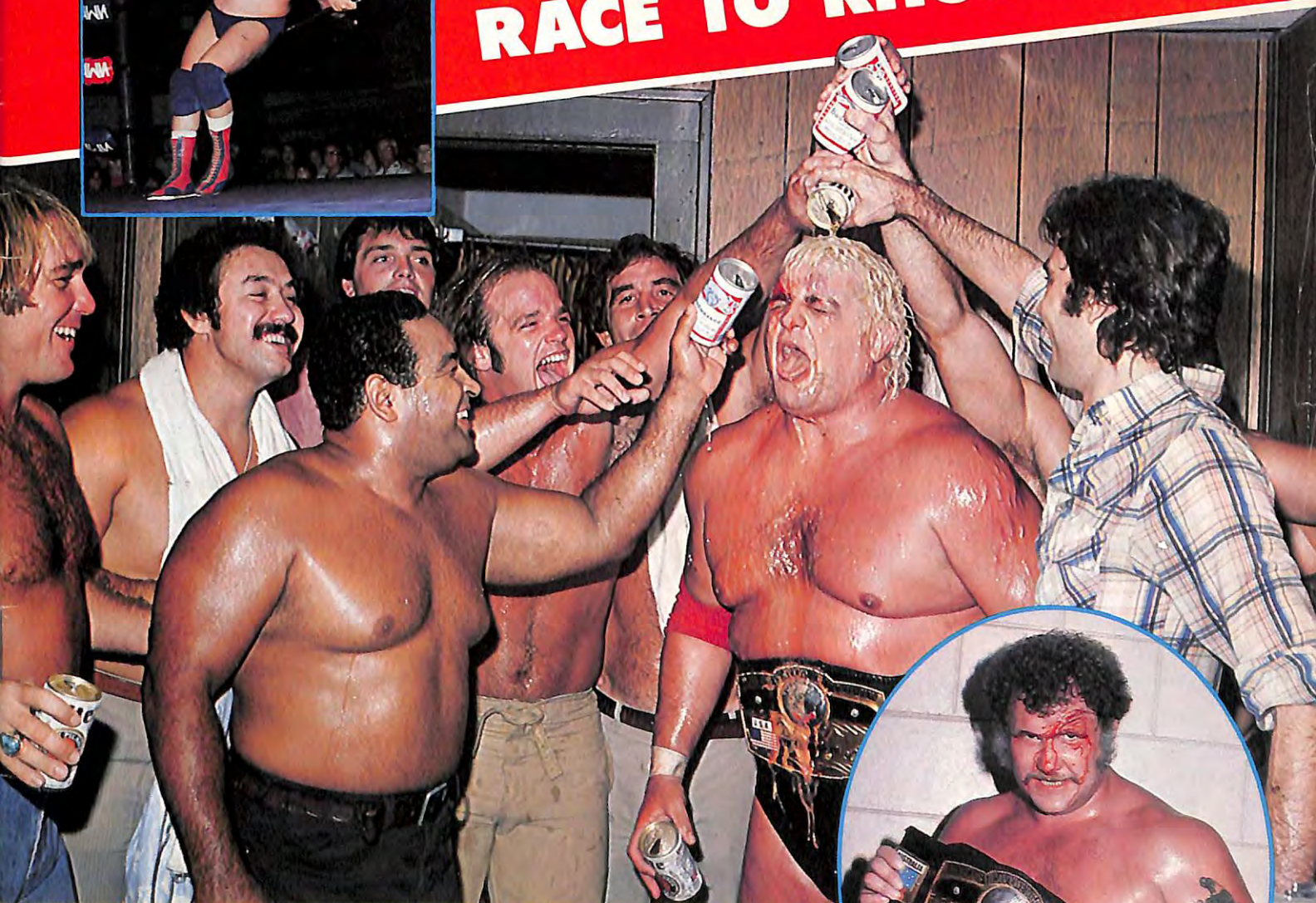
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"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that

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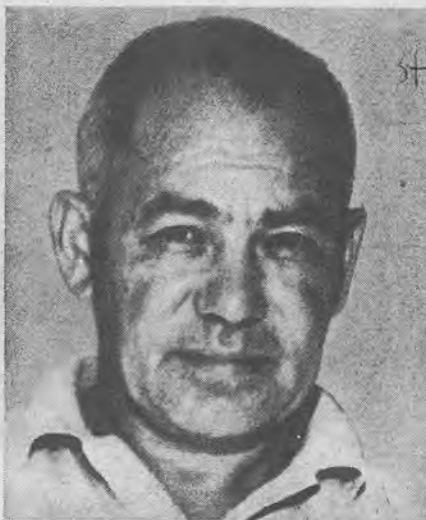
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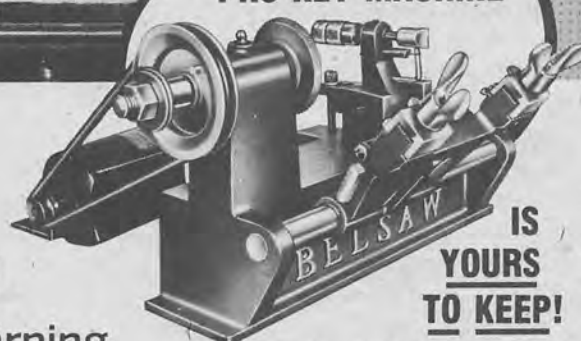
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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Peter  
King

Editor-in-Chief

Even now, months later, it is hard to believe. That incredible week when the NWA belt went from Race to Rhodes and back to Race again was the most exciting days of my career as a wrestling journalist.

Now that time has helped put all the events into their proper perspective, a few things are clear. First, Dusty Rhodes must be the most courageous man in sports.

As long as I live, I won't forget the look of agony on Rhodes' face after Terry Funk broke Dusty's arm in his reprehensible sneak attack. Nor can I forget how Rhodes, with tears of pain streaming down his face, refused to postpone the title match against Race. Dusty's courage may have cost him the NWA belt, but it made him thousands of admirers. I am one of them.

Terry Funk's role in this controversy is still not clear. At first, Funk claimed Race paid him to attack Rhodes. Later, he changed that story. Now, Funk won't talk about the incident at all.

But perhaps the most remarkable memory of that week is the one I have of Harley Race. I expected him to be bitter. I expected him to downgrade Rhodes' achievement. But Race just shook his head and said with dignity, "That night he was better than I was."

I can still see Race throwing that punch at Terry Funk after Funk interfered. I can still see the look of hatred in Race's eyes. And I can still hear Race's explanation after the match. "I'm a man," he said. "I don't need the help of slime to win my matches."

I don't know if this incident has changed Race. I have been hard in my criticism of him in the past. But if the night he regained the title is any indication, perhaps he has changed. This is Harley Race's third reign as NWA king. Maybe it will be his first as Champion.



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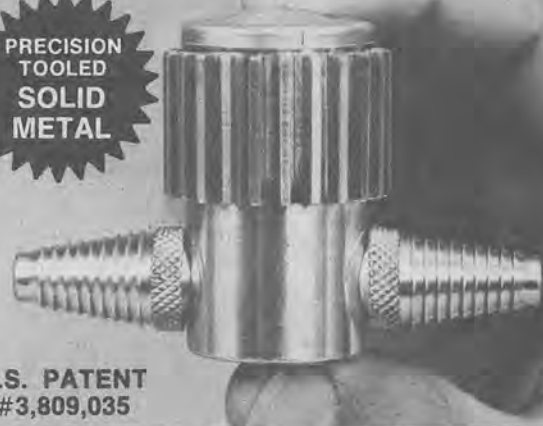


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# THE INSIDER

By STEVEN FARHOOD

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Mr. Hatori, notorious Florida rulebreaking manager, secretly advises NWA champion Harley Race!

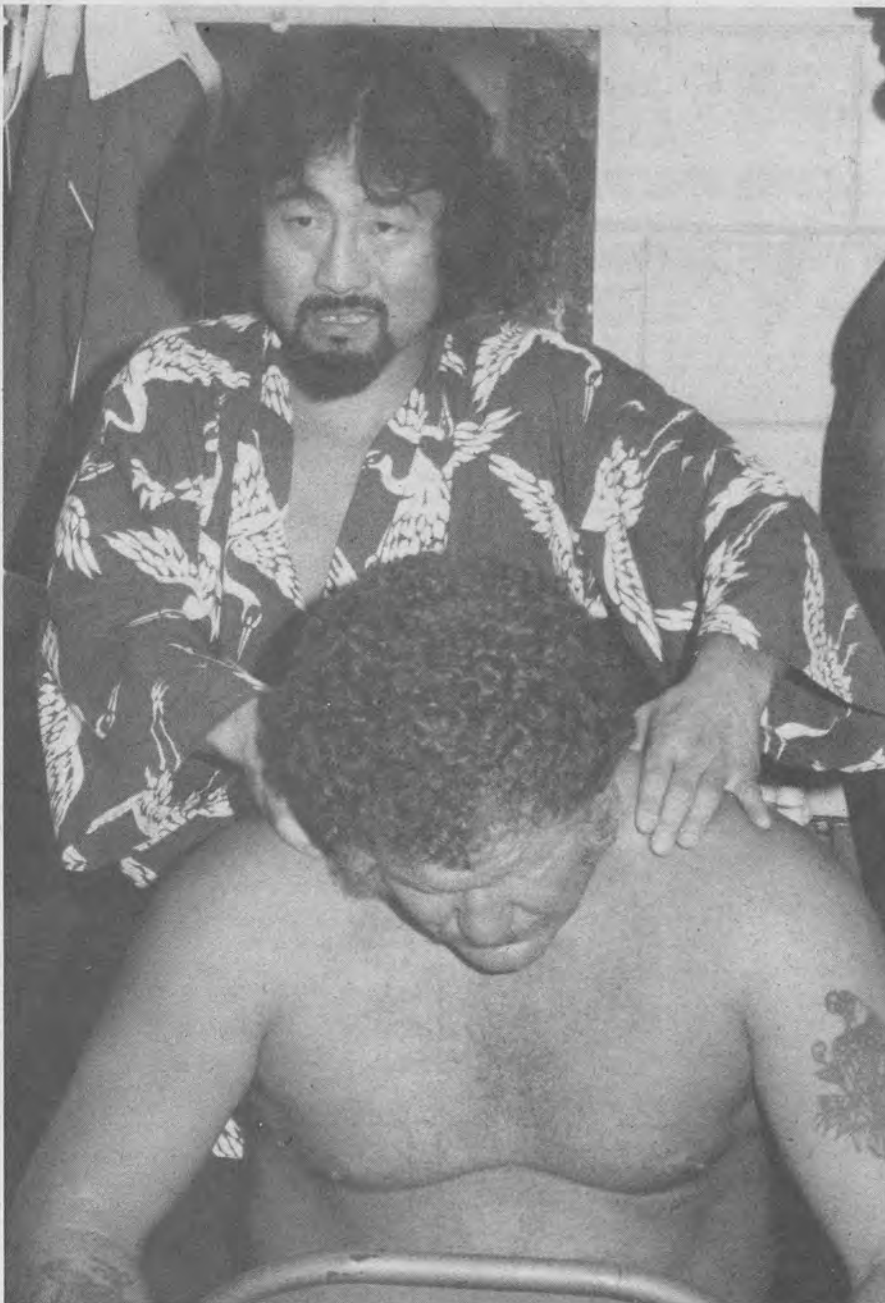
Guiding the violent careers of rulebreakers like Mr. Hito and Mr. Sakurada, Hatori has gained his fame by managing Oriental grapplers. But for several years, he has advised Race on title match methods and strategy. However, Hatori has chosen to keep his important role a secret. Thus, he has never accompanied Race to the ring.

"Race is my creation, my masterpiece," said Hatori. "There is no doubt that without my intelligent leadership, Harley would never be champion. I have worked with him for several years, and I have made him the world's best wrestler."

Hatori was forced to explain his association with Race after I confronted him with the self-explanatory photo on this page. The picture, taken by our ace photographer, Bill Apter, was shot without the knowledge of either Hatori or Race.

Surprisingly, Race remains elusive on the subject. Always proud of his independence, he has never expressed a need to employ a manager.

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Mr. Hatori (standing) and Harley Race were unaware that our photographer, Bill Apter, was taking this photo. The two are trying to keep their arrangement a secret and had never been seen together in public—until now.



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Joe has served as a consultant to industry, and gives private body building instruction. In 1977, Joe won the Mr. U.S.A. Physique Championship, and in 1978 he was named Mr. International.

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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
Saks



**D**USTY RHODES was never forced into a decision. In his mind there was no choice.

For five days, Dusty Rhodes held the diamond-studded belt denoting the champion of the National Wrestling Alliance. He won the belt from Harley Race and slipped into a five-day dream. For five days, he was officially the best. That was important to him, but not the most important thing. Closer to his heart, the championship meant that he could finally repay his fans. Those loyal to him who stayed with him through the years, who encouraged him to continue to strive for the championship after years of frustration. The belt, in Dusty's mind, belonged to them.

Dusty defended the belt three times. His fourth defense was against Harley Race, the man who had to live without the belt for the first time in three years.

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It was a hot, muggy night in Orlando, Florida. The night Terry Funk splashed water in Dusty Rhodes' face and awakened him from his dream.

It was to be the rematch. Rhodes against Race. The battle of the present and former champions. May the better man win . . . Not this time. Terry Funk made sure of that. Dusty entered the ring for the classic confrontation. He signed some autographs. Terry Funk was a spectator. But not for long.

Funk slowly lifted himself from his seat and edged toward the ring. Dusty was unaware of what was happening. Funk removed the belt, from his trousers and climbed into the ring. Rhodes never knew what hit him. But he will never forget the sight of Funk's knees coming

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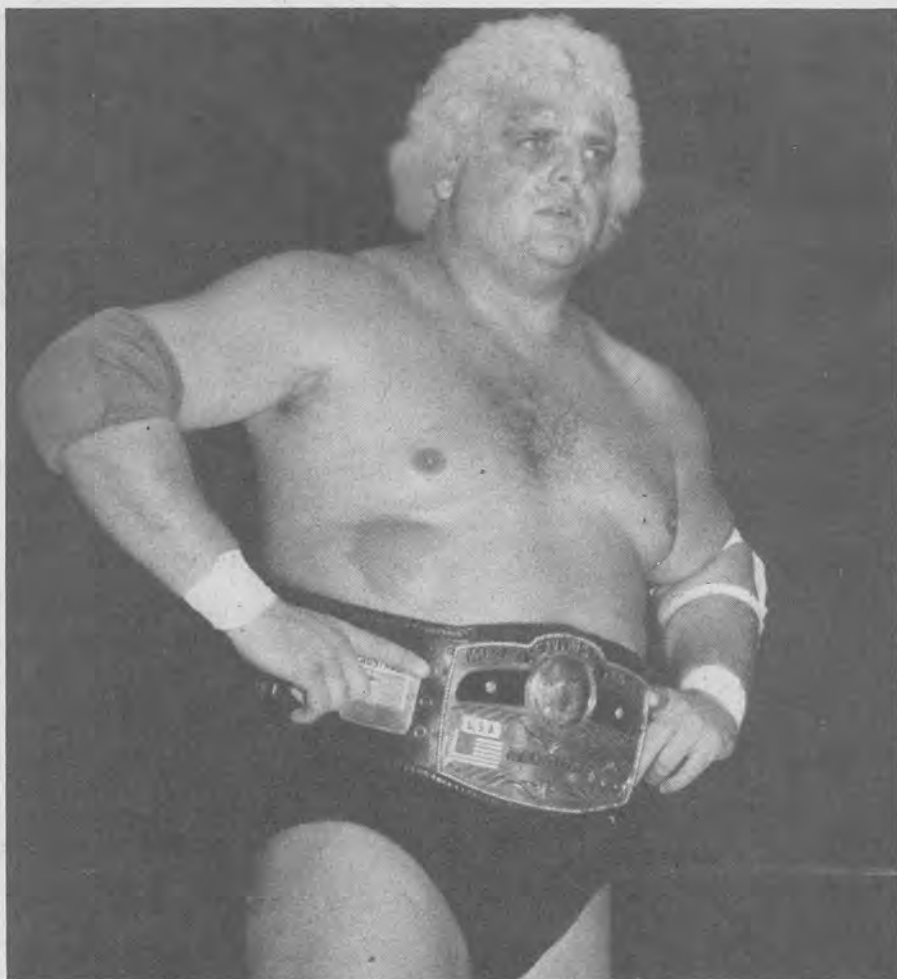
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It was Dusty Rhodes' dream to be able to show off the NWA belt in front of his countless admirers. He was not prepared for an attack from Terry Funk, who came out of the stands in street clothes.

**I** WASN'T THERE when Dusty Rhodes won the NWA title. I was in the office, attending our monthly all-night editorial meeting. When I learned Rhodes had, indeed, realized his cherished goal, some strange feelings came over me. I've done a number of Dusty Rhodes stories. I've sat with him for painful hours after a frustrating title shot and listened as his anguish gnawed bloody holes in his gut.

I didn't go down for the brief, yet spectacular reign. We had our Managing Editor, Bill Apter, cover that from start to finish. I wanted to approach this story from another angle. Luckily, I was there when Rhodes lost the belt.

Explaining the particulars will be repetitive. Enough stories will recall Rhodes as champion.

Surely enough articles will paint that night when Terry Funk mercilessly assaulted Rhodes.

I don't want to do that. I want to look at the meaning of Dusty Rhodes, champion. Not from Rhodes' perspective. Nor do I want to explore it through the eyes of his peers. I want to do it through the fans.

You, wrestling fans of America. This was your title as much as it was Rhodes'.

While my colleagues scurried into the frenetic post-bout locker rooms, I sauntered outside the arena. It was hot and sticky. My glasses steamed beneath the tropical Florida air. Outside the arena, a cluster of youths had gathered near the back entrance. They were waiting. Waiting for Dusty Rhodes. Waiting for their friend.

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# Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

**T**HERE'S A DIFFERENCE between winning the championship and being champion. The difference is between Dusty Rhodes and Harley Race.

Everyone knows Dusty defeated Race and became NWA champion for a short time. Dusty's fans deluded themselves into thinking they were entering the golden era of their idol's title reign. Their era was barely a moment in time.

After Dusty won the title, people came up to me and asked what I thought of a fan hero becoming NWA king. I predicted Rhodes would lose the title almost immediately. It was obvious. Years of toadying to fans has made Rhodes soft. The cunning, determination, and ruthlessness it takes to retain a title has long deserted Rhodes' character. Dusty prefers to be loved than to be good. That kind of behavior saps a man's inner strength.

Anyone who believes Rhodes wasn't a pretender to the throne need only to examine the events. Dusty won the title and lost it almost immediately. Some will claim he was ambushed by Terry Funk, suffered a broken arm, and couldn't defend himself properly. This leads us to the



Dusty Rhodes was so overwhelmed with his accomplishment and the adoration of his fans that he left himself vulnerable to the attack by Terry Funk.

question, "Why wasn't Rhodes aware Funk was going after him?"

The answer: Dusty was too busy showing off the belt to his cheering fans to notice anything. Blinded by his accomplishment, Rhodes got stupid. Stupid people leave themselves vulnerable. Vulnerable people get beaten. Rhodes wasn't the first champion to get ambushed. He was too giddy with success to protect himself.

It's not all Dusty's fault. The fans share the blame for his failure. They have drugged him with their cheers, led him

to believe real success is won only when they applaud. He worked harder on winning fan approval than in perfecting his skills. For years, he delighted in being a hero instead of being champion.

The final delusion was when he started calling himself, "The People's Champion." That meaningless title gave Dusty great satisfaction. No longer did he hunger after real glory, the glory won by hard work and accomplishment. Instead, he settled for being crowned by the unwashed masses. This was his

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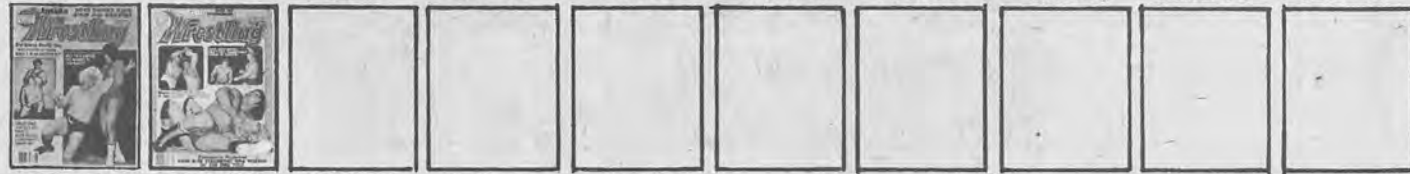
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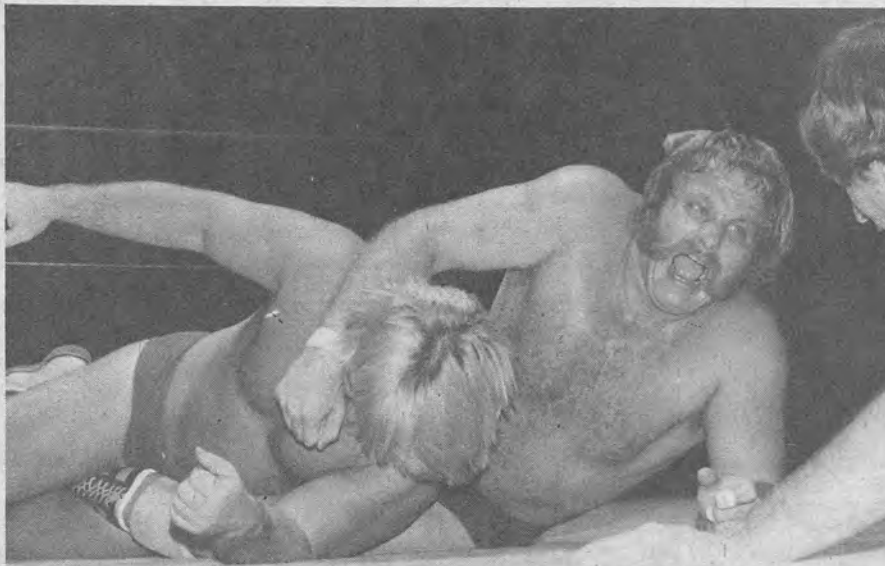
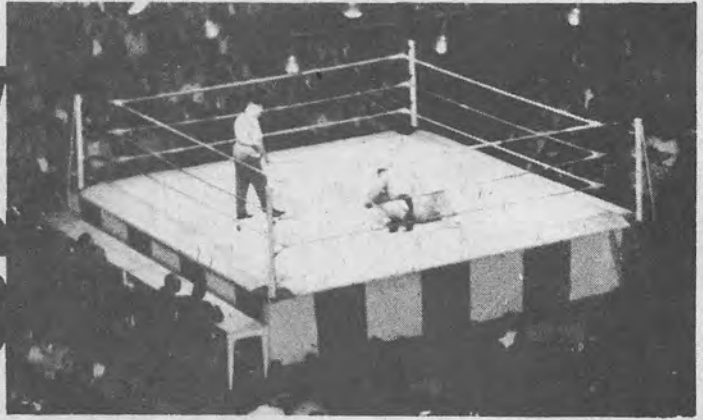
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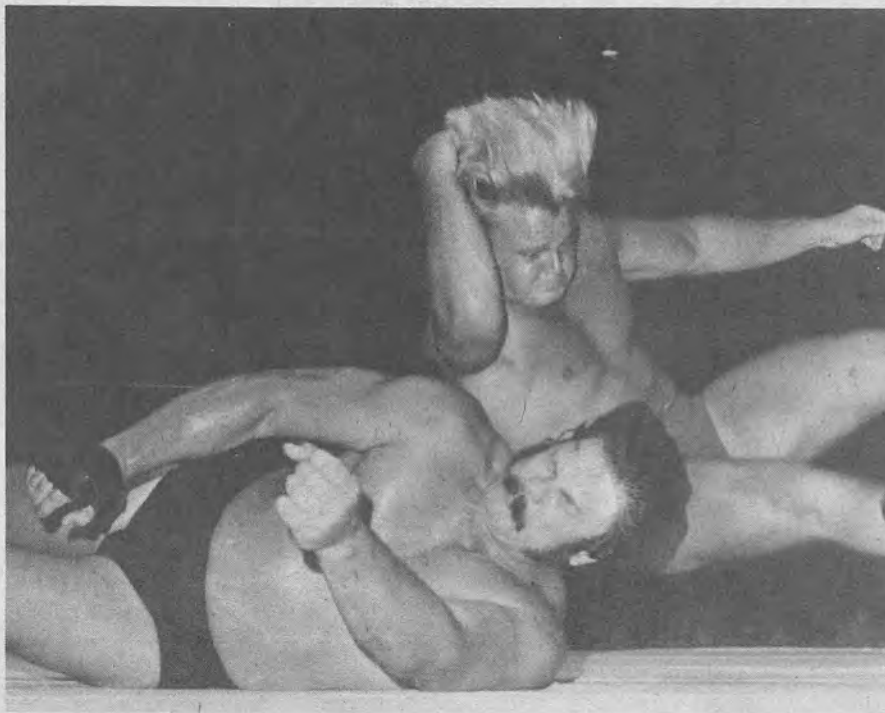
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Ole Anderson wants to know if his opponent is ready to submit (above). Reader Anna Johnson feels that Anderson and Ivan Koloff should be banned from the ring. Below: Bob McCreary of Oldenburg, Indiana would like to see Greg Valentine face more brawling wrestlers such as Blackjack Mulligan.



## KEEP WRESTLING IN ITS PLACE

I watch Georgia championship wrestling every week and have just about had enough of Ole Anderson and Ivan Koloff. It is time that someone did something about this terrible duo. It's pretty ridiculous these guys can't keep wrestling in the ring. Things such as jumping Wahoo McDaniel and Dusty Rhodes in parking lots has no place in wrestling. Then, to top it all off, they held down Tommy Rich and cut his hair!

I love wrestling and I think maybe the NWA should think about banning Anderson and Koloff. It would improve the quality of the sport a lot.

ANNA JOHNSON  
Sisterville, W.V.

## VALENTINE A COWARD

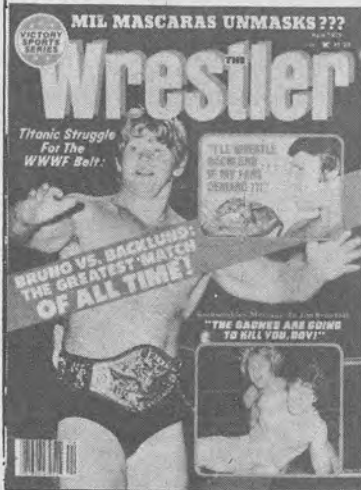
Greg Valentine is a coward. He wrestles scientific wrestlers like Dom DeNucci and Chief Jay Strongbow because he knows they won't inflict pain on him like he does to them. Let him try to give a figure-four leglock to a street brawler like Dick the Bruiser, the Crusher, or Blackjack Mulligan. If he doesn't break their leg he better run for cover because any of the three wrestlers I mentioned would get up and beat him to a pulp.

BOB McCREARY  
Oldenburg, Ind.

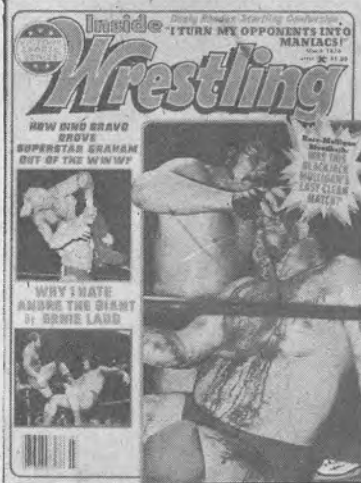
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# NAMES MAKI

So far no one has talked about **FRENCHY BERNARD**, the third man in the ring on the night **DUSTY RHODES** won the NWA title and the night he lost it back to **HARLEY RACE**. Although Bernard gave Rhodes no assistance at all winning the title (Race will tell you Dusty must have paid Frenchy off), it was his keen sense of fair play that stopped Race from doing things that might have gotten him disqualified—thus saving his title. Bernard must be given the nod as one of the best referees in the sport.



**FRENCHY BERNARD**

**PAUL JONES** and **BARON VON RASCHKE** have regained the NWA tag team title from the popular team of **RIC FLAIR** and **BLACKJACK MULLIGAN** . . . **RODDY PIPER** claims he turned down a shot at WWF champion **BOB BACKLUND**. "I'm too busy to wrestle that punk," he said. "Who needs his belt anyway!" . . . **DICK MURDOCH** is convinced he will be the next man to win one of the



**MIL MASCARAS**

three major world titles . . . **EL HALCON** is looking forward to teaming with his good friend and idol **MIL MASCARAS** in Texas.

Georgia champion **KILLER KARL KOX** and manager **BOBBY HEENAN** say that top Georgia title challenger **RAY CANDY** "is nothing but a fat tub of lard—a born loser." . . . United States champion **JIMMY SNUKA**, managed by **BUDDY ROGERS**, has his hands full with **TIM "MR. WRESTLING" WOODS** . . . Insiders say that **GREG VALENTINE** and manager **THE GRAND WIZARD** are devising a hold even more devastating than Greg's figure-four leglock. Says The Wizard, "When Greg gets 'em in this one, they're gone forever!"

**RICK STEAMBOAT** is hoping that Mid-Atlantic champion **KEN PATERA** will give him another crack at the title. Their last encounter ended in a double disqualification verdict . . . **WAYNE FARRIS** and **LARRY LATHAM**, also known as "The Blond Bombers" hold the AWA Southern tag team championship . . . **JIMMY HART**, once a member of the hit singing group

"The Gentrys" has now started managing wrestlers. His first protege' is none other than rulebreaking **JERRY LAWLER**. Hart says "Jerry needed some sound management. We've been friends for a long time and I've got the smarts in terms of handling his career from the business end."



**THE GRAND WIZARD**



**JERRY LAWLER**



# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...



**JERRY BRISCO**

Did you know that THE BRISCO BROTHERS operate an auto body shop in Tampa, Florida? . . . KILLER KAHN, under the leadership of MR. HATORI, is one of the roughest mat men to invade the "Sunshine State" in the last 10 years . . . TOMMY RICH now wants to grapple OLE ANDERSON in a cage match. Tommy claims, "The guy keeps runnin' out of the ring so much, I can't get my hands on him! How am I supposed to beat him!"

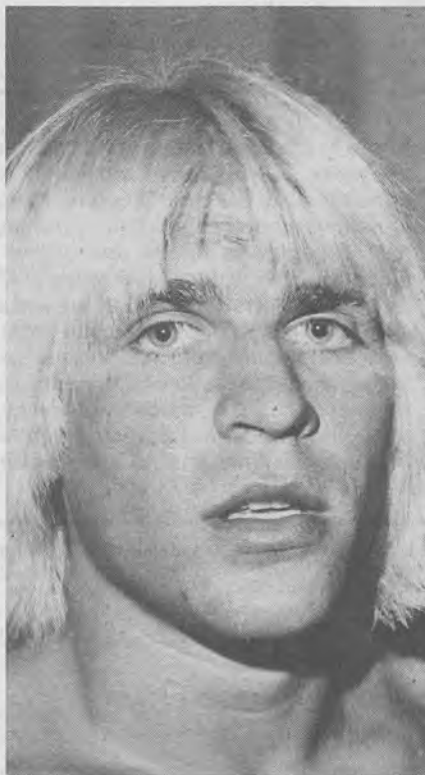
I'll bet any money that your mail will make us put TERRY FUNK in the number one spot on our "Most Hated" ratings next month . . . JOSE LOTHARIO will soon put his Caribbean championship on the line against hated rival EL GRAN MARKUS. GINO HERNANDEZ, a man who knows both their styles, picks his good friend Markus to take the belt. Gino vows to be at ringside to make sure "Jose doesn't cheat to keep his belt," Gino told us.

ANDRE THE GIANT has issued a challenge: "I want to wrestle all three VALIANT BROTHERS and CAPTAIN

LOU ALBANO in one night. I will go so far as to predict I will whip them all within a half hour."

. . . SWEDE HANSON gets his chance at WWF champion BOB BACKLUND right after Bob's cage match against PAT PATTERSON (that's if Bob retains his title) . . . ERNIE LADD tried to cripple STAN HANSEN with his own version of Stan's "lariat" . . . STEVE KEIRN and JIM GARVIN are defending their Florida tag team belts again after a technical loss to MR. HITO and MR. SAKURADA.

MR. WRESTLING II has returned to Georgia and his fans could not be happier. He hopes to help knock the state titles from the clutches of rulebreakers . . . BRUNO SAMMARTINO would love to finish off some unfinished



**TOMMY RICH**

business with BOBBY DUNCUM. Some of Bruno's roughest bouts as champion were against Duncum . . . TED DiBIASE was about to form a tag team with friend STEVE TRAVIS but Steve has packed his bags and gone to compete in Florida.

AWA champion NICK BOCK-



**NICK BOCKWINKEL**

WINKEL told everyone that he thought GREG GAGNE was "over the hill already." Greg proved him wrong recently by upsetting the king in a thrilling non-title contest . . . RAY STEVENS is feuding with young BRIAN ST. JOHN in Florida. St. John is a carbon copy of a younger Ray Stevens—a real hell raiser.

That's all for now. See you next month! □

# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

## WRESTLING MAGAZINE

It was simply titled "WRESTLING." And it was the first serious attempt to establish a magazine devoted entirely to professional wrestling which had a regular frequency and a world-wide distribution. The five issues of **WRESTLING** magazine are perhaps the most sought-after collector's back issues now made available to you.



**JANUARY 1951**  
(First Issue) Wrestling King of Sports, Toots Mondt, Wrestling Whirl, Andre Drapp, How To Feel Like A Champ, How To Wrestle, Wrestling Girls, History of Wrestling, Rocca (First Published Story), Frank Gotch's Life, Most Colorful Stars, George Hackenschmidt, Kings of Mat

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**MARCH 1951**—Human Side, Wrestling Whirl, How to Wrestle, New Faces, Popularity Ratings, Strangler Lewis' Life, Sumo Wrestling, Yukon Eric's Life, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Strong Arms, June Byers' Life, George Hackenschmidt vs. Frank Gotch

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**MAY 1951**—Letters, Wrestling Whirl, The Cauliflower Ear, Promoter Frank Tunney, Jim Londo's Life, Nell Stewart, Quiz, Great Togo, Gene Stanlee, Mongolian Wrestling, Fran Gotch Again Beats Hackenschmidt, Top Ten Villains, How to Wrestle

\$30

**JUNE 1951**—Editorial, Promoter Sam Muchnick, Wrestling Whirl, Ella Waldick, Kenny Ackles, Everett Marshall's Life, Joe Stecher vs. Jim Browning, Torturous Holds, Chief Don Eagle's Life, Turkish Wrestling, Tag Matches, Ratings, Rocca Describes His Toughest Match, Mystery Wrestler

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## BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, **WRESTLING** magazine changed its name to **BOXING & WRESTLING**. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

**NOVEMBER 1951 Boxing**—John L. Sullivan, TV Favorites, Lew Jenkins, News of the Month, Joe Louis Kayoes Lee Savold, How's Business, Harry Greb, Jimmy Carter Wins Lightweight Crown, Can Robinson Beat Maxim, Historic Photos, Jack Dempsey's Record, Results of the Month, Cartoon

**Wrestling**—Superman Lou Thesz, Girl Star Nell Stewart, Ratings, The Garibaldi Clan, Bert Assirati, Greatest Matches, Gus Sonnenberg Beats Strangler Lewis

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**DECEMBER 1951 Boxing**—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

**Wrestling**—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sander Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston

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**JANUARY 1952 Boxing**—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

**Wrestling**—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londo vs. Shikat

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**FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

**Wrestling**—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings

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**MARCH-APRIL 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Million Dollar Gates, Gene Tunney's Record, Heavyweights of 1952, Trouble with Boxing, Jim Jeffries, Henry Armstrong, Dumb Dan Morgan, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Tex Rickard Story, Ezzard Charles, Jimmy Carter vs. Art Aragon

**Wrestling**—Fred Von Schacht, Frank Gotch Record, Midgits, Wrestling Whirl, Millie Stafford, Matches of Month, Max Baer in Wrestling, Ratings, Promoter Billy Thom of Indianapolis, Good Old Days

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**MAY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Greatest Heavyweights, Johnny Dundee, Harry Matthews, Ratings, Benny Leonard's Record, Tex Rickard Story, Kid Gavilan, Battling Nelson vs. Ad Wolgast Classic, Tommy Burns, New N.Y. Boxing Commissioner Bob Christenberry, Bobby Dykes

**Wrestling**—Whipper Watson, Old Timers, Wrestling Whirl, Verne Gagne, Great Gama, Matches of Month, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Strangler Lewis, Girl Wrestling in Germany

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**JUNE 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

**Wrestling**—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz

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**JULY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rassin', Ratings, Ivan Kaniroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days

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**AUGUST 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadillac, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Bailargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas

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Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues are very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

**SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Fighting Italians; George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

**Wrestling**—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl

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**OCTOBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne

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**NOVEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Joey Maxim Beats Ray Robinson, Billy Graham, Jack Britton, Jews in Boxing, Robert Villemain, Ratings, Jack Dempsey, Interview, Ray Robinson compared to Harry Greb and Mickey Walker, Jack Sharkey

**Wrestling**—Frank Sexton, Chief Don Eagle, Nell Stewart-Girl Star, Lou Thesz vs. Barone Leone, How They Broke Into Wrestling, Matches of Month, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Joe and Billy Varga-Father and Son Wrestlers

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**DECEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Rocky Marciano, Highlights: Rex Layne Beats Ezzard Charles, etc., Fighting French, Johnny Bratton, Jackie 'Kid' Berg, Boxing Humor, Tommy Garr, Comparing old and new greats, Dave Davey, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Dressing Room Drama, Dramatic Incidents

**Wrestling**—Killer Kowalski, Record of Gene Stanlee, Jack O'Reilly, Ratings, June Byers, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Tough Way To Make A Living, Hollywood Promoter Hugh Nichols

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**JANUARY 1953 Boxing**—Marciano wins title from Walcott, Highlights of Month, The Negro in Boxing, Tommy Collins, Max Baer Story, Ted 'Kid' Lewis, Johnny Gonsalves, Managers' Mistakes, Ratings, Kid Herman, Sparring Partners, Gerald Dryer, Human Punching Bags

**Wrestling**—Fred Atkins, Rocca's Record, Disgusted Fans, Ratings, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Ronnie Etchinson, Matches of Month, Al "Dragon" Tucker

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**MARCH 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Highlights (Ezzard Charles Beats Cesar Brion; Johnny Bratton over Joe Miceli), New Jersey Champions in Every Division, Glen Flanagan, Joe Louis Story, Promoter Sam Silverman, Cleveland Williams, Boxing Jinxes, Jack Delaney, Ratings, What Makes a Champion, Johnny Risko

**Wrestling**—The Buddy Rogers Story, Fred Atkins, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Mule Kick Marlin, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Matt Kosternich, Rick Starr, Lou Thesz vs. Gene Stanlee

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**APRIL 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello; Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undeclared Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon

**Wrestling**—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds

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**MAY 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

**Wrestling**—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs

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**OCTOBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Buceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd



Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.O., Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings,  
 Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month,  
 Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading  
 Holds \$30

**DECEMBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Marciano  
 kayoes Roland LaStarza (title), Fights of Month, Referee's  
 Problem, Tony Galento and Manager Joe Jacobs,  
 Philadelphia History, Five Best Lightweight Bets,  
 Middleweight History, Battling Siki, Primo Camera Kills  
 Ernie Schaaf, Jimmy Slattery, Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Lucky Simonovich, Ratings, Mighty Atlas,  
 Reggie Lisowski, Yvon Robert, Matches of Month, Fan  
 Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$30

**FEBRUARY 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month,  
 Nino Valdez, Mickey Walker, Hein Ten Hoff, Featherweight  
 History, Boxing Quiz, Luther McCarty, Joe Louis vs. Bob  
 Pastor, Jack Johnson vs. Tommy Burns, Stanley Ketchel,  
 Harry Greb, Ratings  
**Ratings**—Bill Melby, Primo Camera, Matches of Month,  
 Raphael Halpern—The Wrestling Rabbi, Ratings, Len  
 Hughes, Fan Clubs, Leo Nomellini, Wrestling Whirl,  
 Remember When \$35

**MARCH 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month,  
 'Red Top' Davis, Bantamweight History, Commissioner  
 Frank Wiener, Earl Wals, Ratings, Power of Punch, Bat  
 Battalino vs. Kid Chocolate, Amateurs, Your Boxing I.O.,  
 Ace Hudkins  
**Wrestling**—Dennis Clary, Sandor Kovacs, Ratings, Dory  
 Funk Sr., Matches of Month, Gossip, Wrestling Whirl, Hans  
 Schmidt, Trading Holds, Record of Lord Blears \$35

**MAY 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Former Champions  
 Speak Out, Fights of Month, Rocky Castillo, Joey  
 Giambra, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Burns, Billy Peacock,  
 Henry Armstrong Wins Title From Petye Sarron, Training,  
 Boxing Quiz, Jimmy Wilde, Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Don Leo Jonathan, Eric Pederson, Trading  
 Holds, Top Money Makers, Tarzan White, Matches of  
 Month, Duke Keomaka, Fan Clubs, Remember When \$35

**JULY 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk,  
 Fights of Month, French Invasion, Archie Moore Can Beat  
 Marciano, Bat Masterson, Gil Turner, Harlem Tommy  
 Murphy, Holly Mims, Vince Dundee vs. Len Harvey, Vince  
 Martinez, Your Boxing I.O., Ratings, Bud Taylor  
**Wrestling**—Tor Yamato, The Larsen Brothers, New Jersey  
 Stars, Ida Mae Martinez, Matches of Month, Frank Jaras,  
 Gossip, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$35

**AUGUST 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting  
 Talk, Marciano vs. Charles Fight, Fight of Month, Manager  
 Al Weill, Britain's John Sullivan, Al Davis, 'Hurricane'  
 Jackson, Ratings, Battling Nelson's Life, Vince Martinez,  
 Benny Leonard vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Carmine Fiore, Joe  
 Lynch, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Ray Eckert, Ratings, 'Treacherous' Phillips,  
 June Byers, Matches of Month, Gypsy Joe, Gossip,  
 Trading Holds \$35

**OCTOBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial,  
 Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giardello Says He'll  
 Kayo Bobo Olson, Harry Greb's Life, Cisco Andrade,  
 Weighing Ins, Tiberio Mitri Kayoes Randy Turpin, Jack  
 Dempsey vs. Bill Brennan, Walter Cartier, TV is Killing  
 Boxing, Quiz, Ratings, Lew Tendler  
**Wrestling**—Bobo Brazil, Gloria Barratini, Results of  
 Month, Al Kashey, Wrestling Whirl, Rocky Columbo, Light  
 Heavyweight Champs, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$35

**NOVEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics  
 Talk, Fights of Month, Can Marciano Be Beaten? Sam  
 Langford's Life, Al Andrews, Managers Art Winch & Sam  
 Pian, Billy Lauderdale, Max Schmeling vs. Harry Thomas,  
 Carmelo Costa, Quiz, Ratings, Promoter Norm Rothschild,  
 Stanley Ketchel vs. Jack O'Brien, Maxie Rosenbloom  
**Wrestling**—Neil Stewart, Baron Leone, Canadian Champs,  
 Enrique Torres, Matches of Month, Art Neilson, Wrestling  
 Whirl, Dick Raines-Abe Kashey Feud, Gossip \$55

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics  
 Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles  
 writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony  
 DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life,  
 Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny  
 Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy  
 Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello,  
 Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics  
 Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat  
 Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio  
 Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou  
 Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack  
 Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black  
 Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin  
**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne  
 Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers,  
 Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics  
 Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade,  
 Eugene Ciriqi, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best  
 Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid  
 McCoy vs. Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro  
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**Wrestling**—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack  
 Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black  
 Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk,  
 Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe  
 Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk'  
 Billy Smith, Ad Volgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St.  
 Nick's Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach,  
 Quiz, Ratings \$25

**MAY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk,  
 Fights of Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Binstein's  
 Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's  
 Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes  
 Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings,  
 Barney Ross  
**Wrestling**—Primo Camera, Roy McClarity, Matches of  
 Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski  
 Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full  
 Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

**JUNE 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk,  
 Fights of Month, Eduardo Lausse, Tony Canzoneri's Life,  
 Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed,  
 Lou Brduillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy  
 Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punks, Tommy Ryan vs.  
 Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy  
 Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month,  
 Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

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# HOTSEAT

## BOB BACKLUND:

### "THEY KNOW I'M A CHAMPION NOW!"

**T**HE "EXPERTS" CALLED his winning the WWF title a fluke. He would never hold on to the belt, they insisted. But he wrestled everybody the federation deemed a worthy contender and he beat them all. Then the "experts" started comparing his career with Bruno Sammartino, an incredible burden for such a young man. He has battled the "experts" as many times as he has battled in the ring. And he is still on top. His name is Bob Backlund.

#### INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY BILL APTER

- Q:** I appreciate your taking the time out of your busy schedule to do this interview, Bob. Thanks.
- A:** I'm glad to be here, Bill. I enjoy the challenge of being on the Hotseat.
- Q:** Well, Bob, it's been about two years now that you've been WWF champion. Have you noticed any changes in yourself?
- A:** That's an interesting question. Golly, it's been such a hectic two years. The time has just

flown by. Changes, huh? It's a funny thing. You spend so much time thinking about who you're going to wrestle, preparing yourself, that you spend very little time thinking about yourself. I think I've

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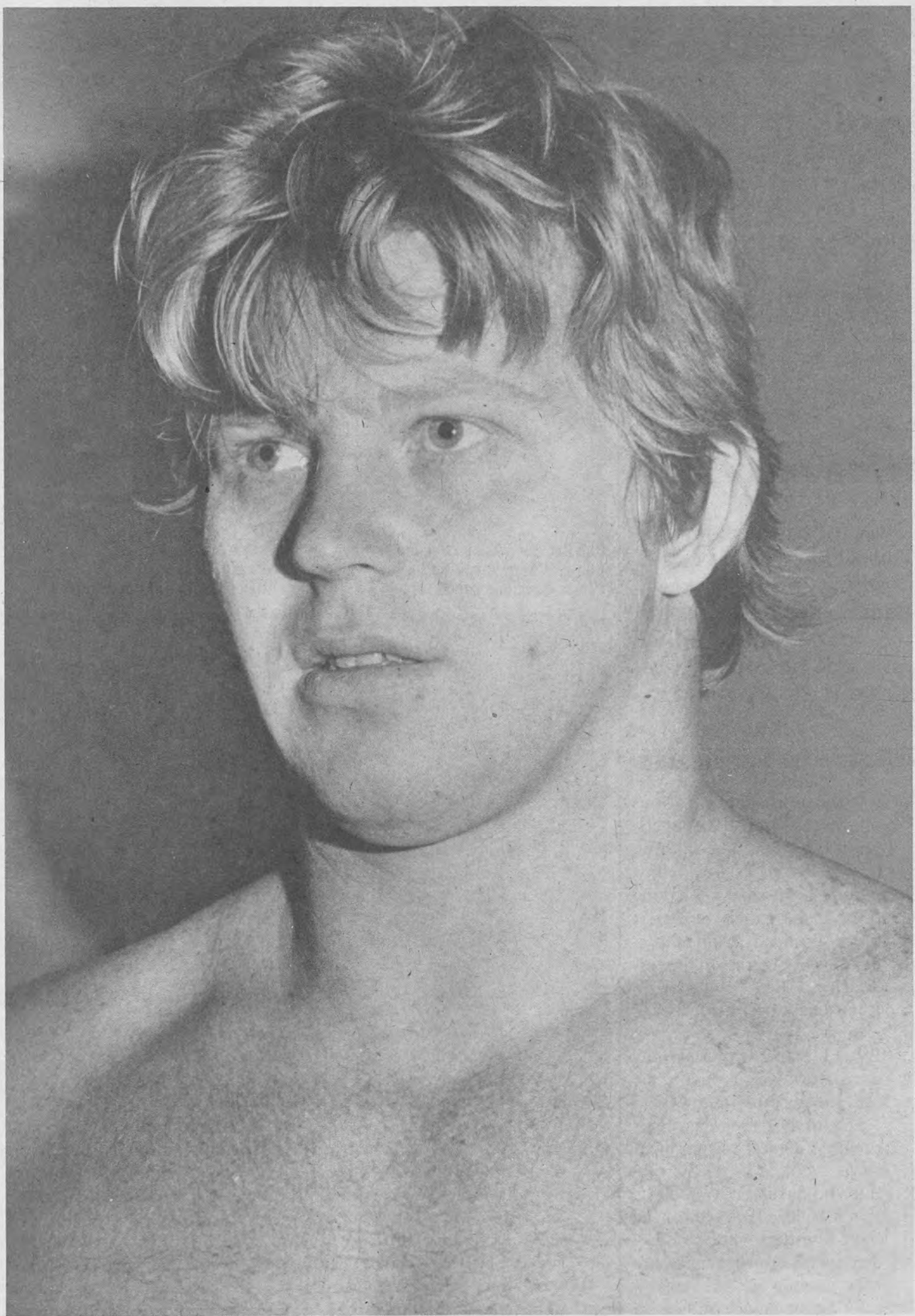
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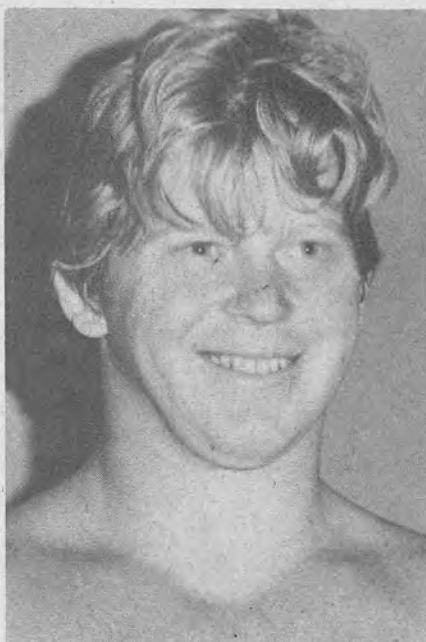
become more cynical over the past two years. I've seen some things that were very distressing. Greg Valentine trying to end Chief Jay Strongbow's career with a figure-four leglock, Nikolai Volkoff and Fred Blassie sneak-attacking Bruno Sammartino, guys like Peter Maivia turning on their

friends. It's disheartening and makes me very pessimistic about the future.

- Q:** What about your future?
- A:** I'm a little more concerned about the present.
- Q:** Are you happy?
- A:** Now I am. At first it was difficult being champion. I wasn't around for years and years before I won it and very few people knew much about me before I won the title from Superstar Graham. People didn't know how to deal with the situation, "Bob Who?" I heard all the time. Everybody knows now that it was no fluke. I've beaten Valentine and Pat Patterson, Bulldog Brower, Baron Von Raschke, a lot of names.
- Q:** We always thought you were a fine wrestler. Who do you feel didn't accept you. The fans?
- A:** No, definitely not. The fans and I have had a great relationship since the first day I wrestled in this area. No, and I remember that **INSIDE WRESTLING** was always fair with me. Oh, there were a







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few things written in various magazines and newspapers, but not many. To be truthful, it was my peers, my fellow wrestlers. It took me a long time to earn their respect. I know I ruined a lot of predictions by staying on top this long.

**Q:** It must have been an awkward feeling.

**A:** Bill, I can't explain how uncomfortable it made me feel. I really didn't know what I had to do to change their opinions of me. I wasn't sure if I ever would.

**Q:** But you have.

**A:** Yes, I believe so. A lot of the same wrestlers who were predicting my quick demise are now coming up to me and offering me advice on how to



Bob Backlund has proven himself by wrestling some of the sport's top stars. Above: Bob and Greg Valentine become entangled and each looks to seize the advantage. Below: Backlund sends former WWF champion Ivan Koloff into the turnbuckle.



prolong my reign.

**Q:** How so?

**A:** Well, some of these guys have been around for years and years and know my opponents far better than I do. If there's a little trick that they know and they can pass it along, they often do.

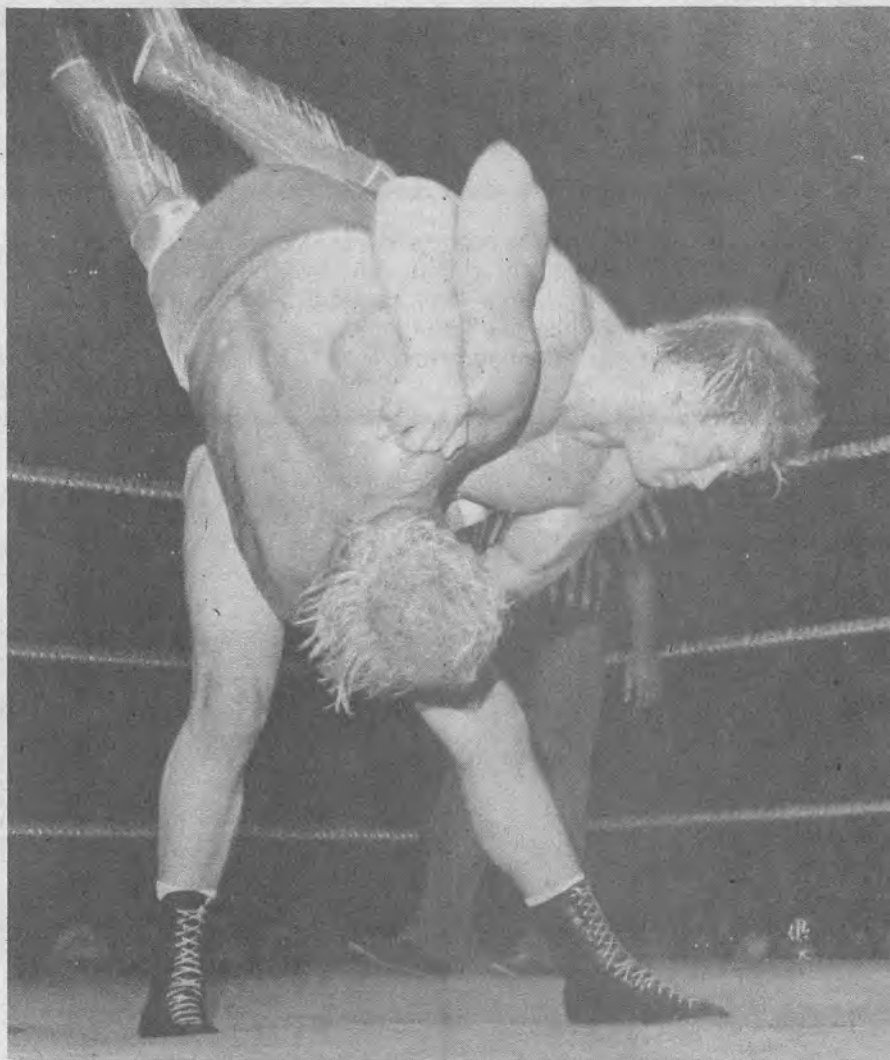
**Q:** I guess a champion can use all the help he can get. It can get pretty tough. Which brings me to a question that I know you've answered before.

**A:** Gee, I know what's coming.

**Q:** Well perhaps your thoughts on the subject have changed.

**A:** You want to know how long I



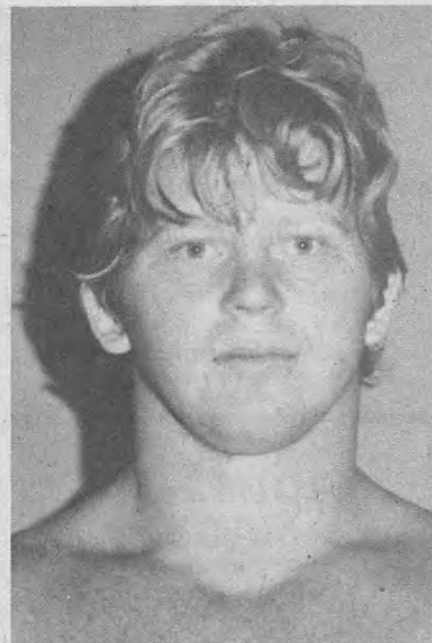


Above: Backlund hiprolls the man he defeated for the WWF title—Superstar Billy Graham. Below: Bob proudly poses with the man he idolizes, Bruno Sammartino. Comparisons between the two no longer bother Backlund.

think I'll be champion. Bill, the answer to this question relates back to the point we were just discussing. So, I suppose my response *has* changed. Two years ago, when I first won the title, I had severe doubts in myself. Now I think it's because I was listening to other people's opinions of me and I began to believe them. The biggest problem I had was the comparison between myself and Bruno Sammartino. At first I was flattered by it, then frightened, and gradually I grew annoyed at it. And that was simply because of my own self-doubt.

**Q:** So things have changed?

**A:** Most definitely. Now I at least understand why the



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press compares me with Bruno. It makes for good copy. It no longer bothers me. I have absolutely no idea how long I can retain the title. Bruno held it eight straight years and I am constantly reminded of this fact. I would love to be able to better that record, but all I could do is try my darndest every time I climb into the ring and hope for the best.

**Q:** Then you no longer feel that you have something to prove?

**A:** Not to anyone but myself. They know I'm a champion now.

**Q:** Bob, you've grown quite a bit over these past two years.

**A:** Thank you very much, Bill. It means a lot to me to hear you say that. □

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## WORSTER, MASS.

By Terry Slavin



**GREG VALENTINE**  
vs.  
**CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW**



Greg Valentine demanded Chief Jay Strongbow, not his flunkies. He got the Chief. From the opening bell, it was all Strongbow. The Chief had Valentine down on the mat with an assortment of kneelifts, tomahawk chops, and arm drag takedowns. When Valentine gained control of the match, he lost his temper and was disqualified for shoving the referee.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Steve Travis stopped Pete Doherty . . . Moose Monroe bested Ted Marzino . . . Dave Darrow defeated Silvana Sousa.

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## GAINESVILLE, GA.

By Lenis Sargent



**HARLEY RACE**  
vs.  
**STAN HANSEN**



Harley Race certainly had his hands full when he met the challenge of Stan Hansen head-on. Each man inflicted an awesome amount of punishment. Several times, it looked like both men would collapse from exhaustion. But Race managed to turn back the ferocious challenge and emerge victorious.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Mr. Wrestling and Mike Stallings defeated The Bounty Hunters . . . Bill Dromo bested Bounty Hunter #2 . . . Mike Stallings out-manuevered Rocket Monroe.

## BUENA VISTA, VA.

By Robert Wills



**RIC FLAIR**  
vs.  
**KEN PATERA**

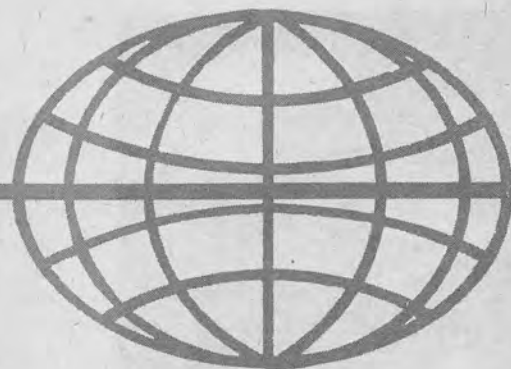


The strange tale of Ric Flair continues. On this night, he met former friend Ken Patera in one of the most brutal bouts ever held in this town. Or any town. The rules lasted for a few minutes before Flair and Patera went wild. It was like both men were trying to out-do the other in hideous, mutilating moves. Both were equally successful as the match ended in a double disqualification.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Jimmy Snuka knocked off Johnny Weaver . . . Tony Garea and Coco Samoa whipped Swede Hanson and Rudy Kay . . . Brute Bernard and Don Kernodle wrestled to a draw.



# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## SHREVEPORT, LA.

By Clifton Phillips



**MR. WRESTLING II  
vs.  
CRAZY LUKE GRAHAM**



Two completely opposite men thrilled a capacity crowd. If you looked high and low, you couldn't find two such extremes as Mr. Wrestling II and Crazy Luke Graham. It was scary the way Graham staggered, frothed and went wild in the ring. He is definitely not all there. But Mr. Wrestling II demonstrated why he is number one by corraling Graham and winning a well-earned decision.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Angelo Mosca halted Buck Robley... Mike George toppled Billy Starr... King Cobra triumphed over The Missing Link.

## GREENWICH, R.I.

By Robert Scott



**BOB BACKLUND  
vs.  
JIM VALIANT**



In the main bout, Bob Backlund once again defended his WWF title against Handsome Jim Valiant. For several minutes, Backlund endured a succession of nerveholds, kicks and foreign objects. There was nothing Valiant wouldn't do to attain victory. But Backlund rose to the occasion. Using his marvelous atomic spinebreaker, Backlund won the bout and the hearts and minds of the entire crowd.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Tito Santana was counted out against Pat Patterson... Hussein Arab battered Dominic DeNucci... Johnny Rivera and Steve King wrestled to a draw... Frank Williams got tough and romped over Gypsy Rodriguez.

## TAMPA, FLA.

By John Cullaro



**DUSTY RHODES  
vs.  
HARLEY RACE**



I was privileged to witness an historic moment in wrestling history. That was the night Dusty Rhodes realized his dream and won the NWA title. I cried and so did my friends. I think the entire arena cried. I think Rhodes had tears in his eyes when he won the belt. I felt sorry for Race, but what's to be done? Race held the belt a long time and it was a matter of time before Rhodes won it.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Jim Garvin and Steve Keirn beat King Curtis and Killer Kahn... Mike Graham, Sweet Brown Sugar, and Jerry Brisco stopped Thor the Viking, Buggy McGraw, and Brian St. John. □

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Lou Albano works over Chief Jay Strongbow. Associate Editor Dan Shocket believes Albano could turn the Chief's career around if he was willing to turn rulebreaker.

# THE WAY TO SAVE STRONGBOW'S CAREER

Behind his calm exterior, a volcano of emotions beats within Jay Strongbow. One thing he resents is interference from men whose philosophies he distastes. Associate Editor Dan Shocket is precisely the type Strongbow hates. But Shocket insists he can make Strongbow great!

By Dan Shocket

**F**OR TOO MANY years, Chief Jay Strongbow has settled for second best. Considering how badly he's mismanaged his career, it's a miracle he's still around. It wouldn't take much to transform him into something great. All he needs is to want it.

First, why has Strongbow never

won the WWF title? The reason is that Strongbow has been too generous to his so-called friends. Whenever a new challenger came to the area, Strongbow would be the first to take him on. That meant the others could study the newcomer, learn his weaknesses at a safe distance. Bruno Sammartino couldn't have retained his title for a month if Strongbow hadn't first

battled Bruno's challengers.

What did Strongbow get for that? Well, he was allowed to congratulate Sammartino after each title defense. How about that for friendship?

There have been other "favors" over the years. Whenever a wrestler showed signs of turning from scientific to so-called

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## capsule profile

### TERRY FUNK



Terry Funk refuses to comment on why he attacked Dusty Rhodes prior to his NWA title rematch with Harley Race. Rhodes, wrestling with a broken right arm, lost the belt Funk thought was rightfully his.

**A** BLUSTERY, BELLIGERENT sort who seems to seek out trouble (*"People pick on me and I gotta defend myself"*) . . . Former NWA champion who still rankles at the loss of his belt to Harley Race several years ago (*"Far as I'm concerned, I never lost the damn belt"*) . . . Refuses to comment on his

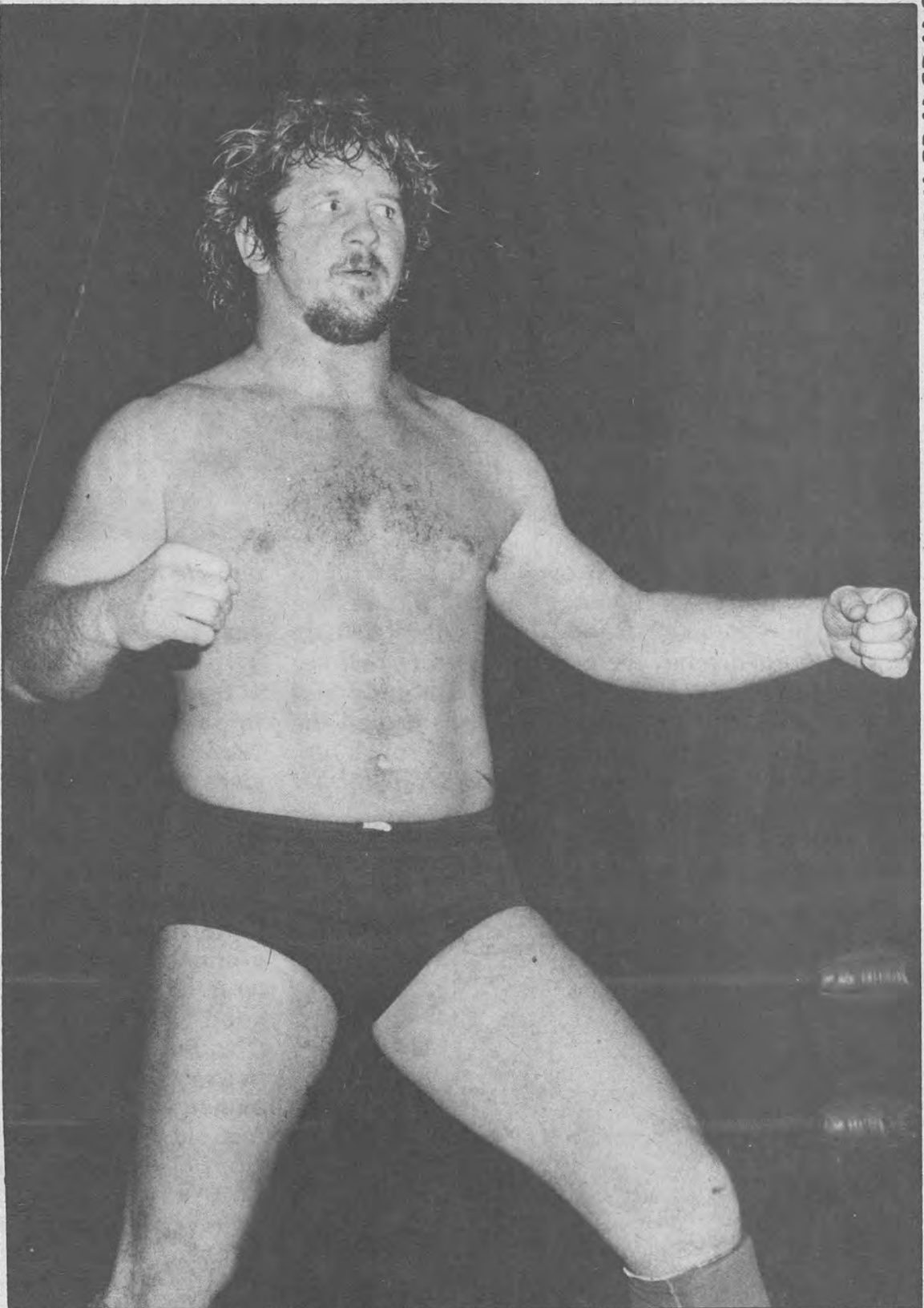
unprovoked assault upon Dusty Rhodes before the Race-Rhodes NWA title rematch (*"Ain't talking about it until I'm good and ready"*) . . . Has gained the reputation as a tough uncompromising grappler (*"I*

Terry puts Jack Brisco in an armlock. The Funks and Briscos are still involved in wrestling's hottest family feud.



*wrestle the only way I know how. Not my fault if people ain't tough enough to take it"*) . . . Has demonstrated acting ability, most notably in Sylvester Stallone's *"Paradise Alley"* (*"Acting gives me a break from the serious business of real life, wrestling"*) . . . Heir to a great family tradition (*"Think Dad would be sick if he knew the lame-brains who walk around callin' themselves wrestlers"*) . . . Delights in a good gold-fashioned brawl (*"Nothin' makes me happier than mixin' it up"*) . . . Big maneuver is the spinning toehold (*"My favorite!"*) . . . Considered retiring a while ago (*"Nah, I wouldn't be fully content if I wasn't wrestling"*) . . . Over the years, a respectful feud has developed between the Funks and the Briscos (*"Well, I wouldn't invite them to dinner unless I was serving poisoned dog food"*). □

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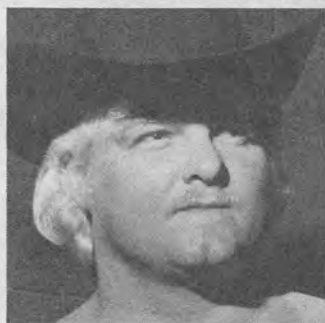


TERRY FUNK



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!**



## **BOBBY DUNCUM**

A WWF source told us that Duncum is negotiating with promoters for a stint in the area. Men like Bob Backlund and Bruno Sammartino have always been an irritance to Duncum. If the money and terms are right, Duncum may be challenging for a title by the time you read this.

## **TONY GAREA**

Garea has gone to the Mid-Atlantic area. Always a big fan favorite, Tony wants to thank his devoted fans who have asked about him over the past few months. Garea expresses disgust at the likes of Jimmy Snuka and plans on cleaning up the region, single-handedly if necessary.



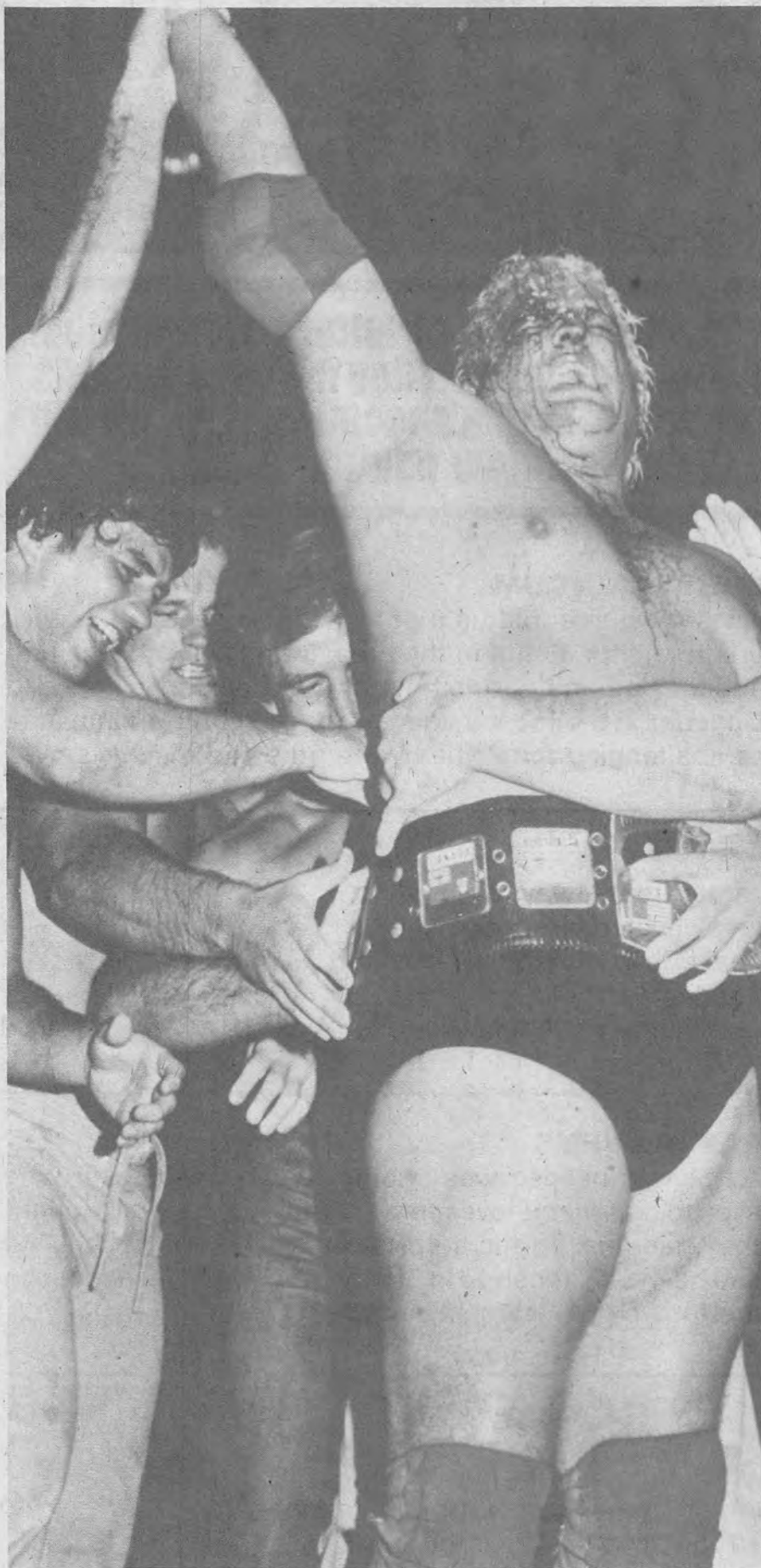
## **RAY STEVENS**

All Florida needed was another tough rulebreaker who likes to brawl and loves to war. The Florida fans thought they had one. To the surprise of most, though, Stevens has been well received in Florida and he has responded to the fans by wrestling scientifically.

## **CRAZY LUKE GRAHAM**

After a brief vacation, during which time therapy failed to work, Crazy Luke is again running amuck in Louisiana arenas. His plans remain up in the air, though Graham has indicated he would like a chance at a title.





The thrill of victory is all Dusty Rhodes needs to forget about his wounds. Dusty's fellow wrestlers wrap the NWA belt around his waist after his victory over Harley Race. Rhodes was feeling no pain.

**I**T IS TIME to chronicle the memorable week in Florida with detached, rational strokes. Sentimentality must be shoved aside. Prejudices should be submerged. A clinical approach must be adopted.

# THE TITLE GOES FROM RACE

Exactly what happened in Florida? And why?

More than a man attaining his dream occurred that week. More than a man shocked by defeat. More than a man twisted by jealous and warped values. More than fans rising and falling in exultant anticipation.

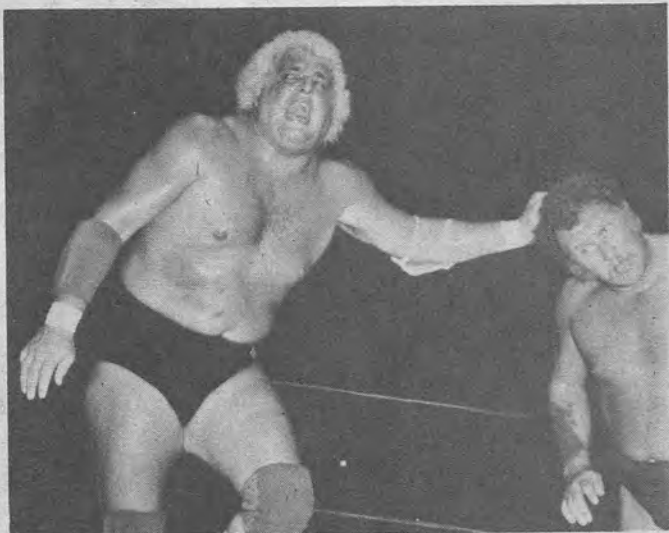
This week forever altered wrestling. Let us look back . . .

NWA champion Harley Race had wrestled Dick Murdoch two days before that title bout with Dusty Rhodes. It was a difficult, exhausting battle. Murdoch does that to a man. Even a man as well-conditioned as Harley Race.

Some men would have eased up a bit, fearing the pressurized bout in the immediate future. Not Race. He wrestles every bout as if a million bucks and the



It's been years since an event so large has held the world in stunned awe. Leave it to Dusty Rhodes to accomplish such a feat. Yes, wrestling fans, Dusty Rhodes did it. He became NWA champ. Then lost it. Come with us as we chronicle the startling events of that week



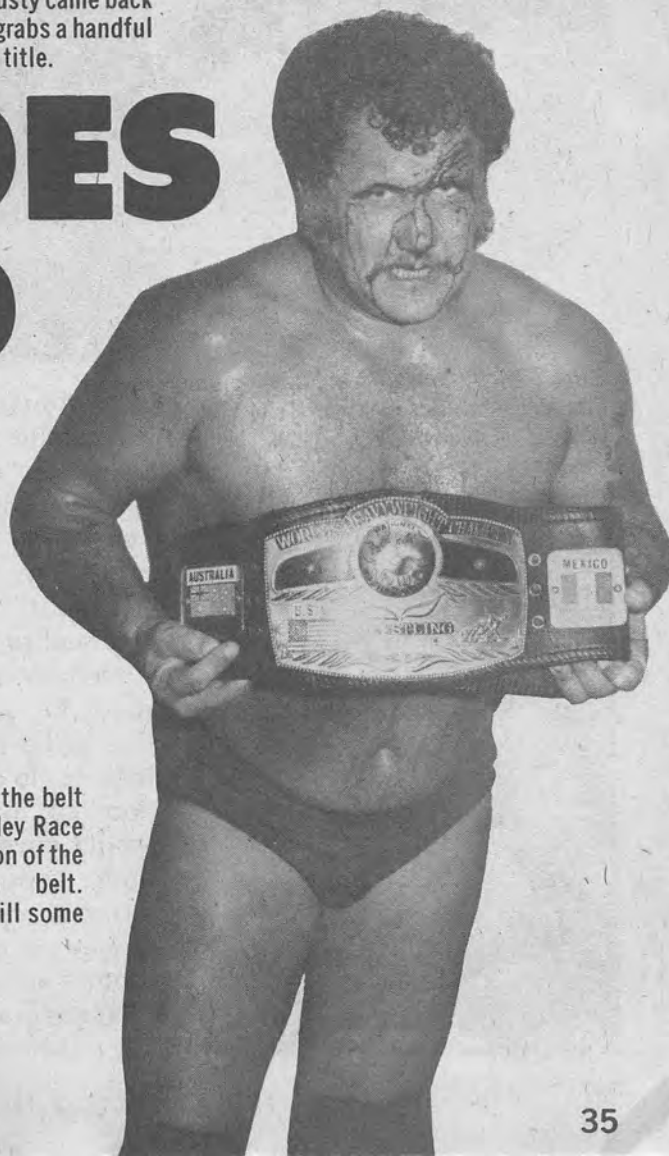
In Tampa, Harley Race whips Dusty Rhodes into the turnbuckle (left). Dusty came back to win the title. In Orlando, Dusty's broken right arm hangs limp as he grabs a handful of Race's hair with his left hand (right). Race came back to win the title.

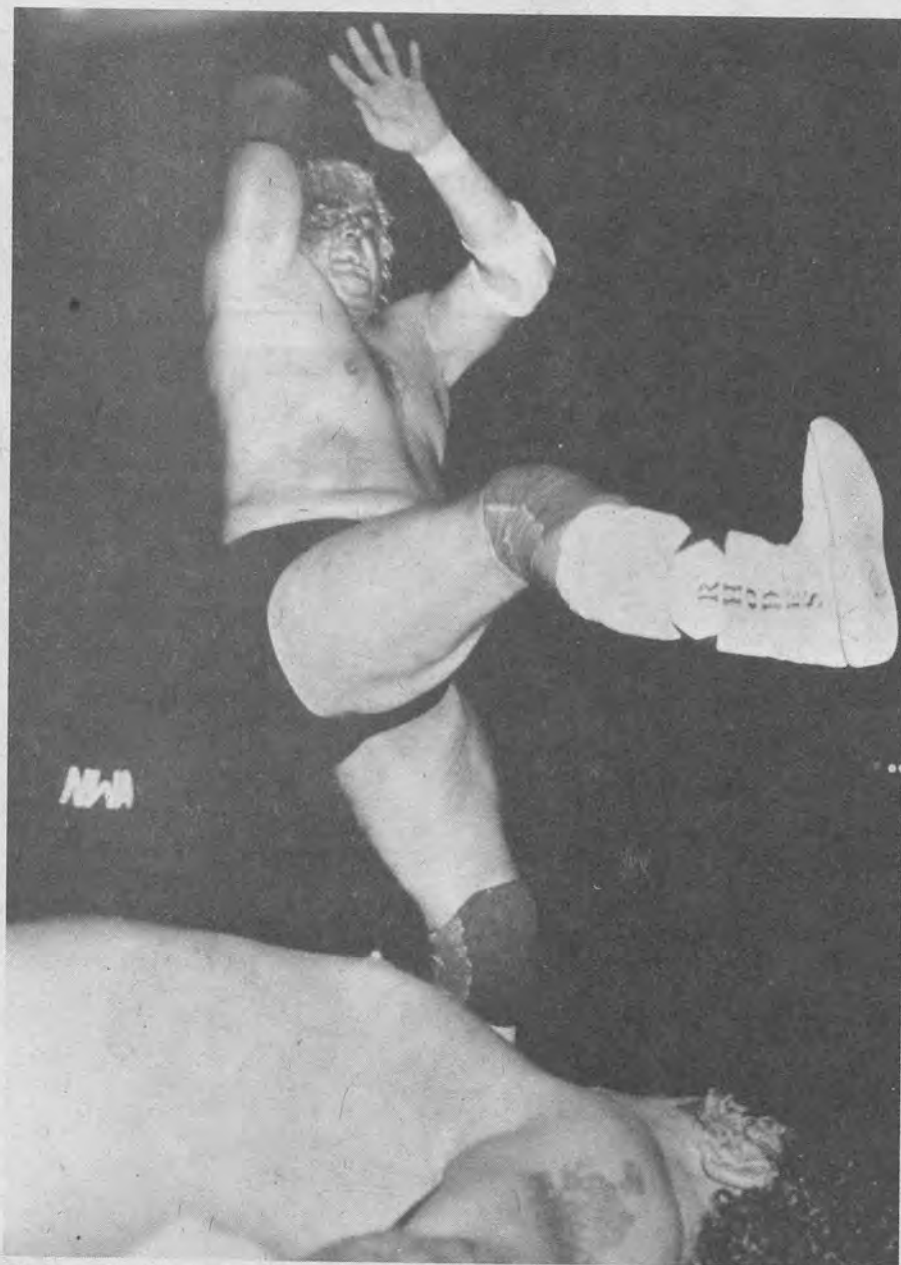
# TO RHODES ...AND TO RACE AGAIN!

family home were riding on it. He never quits. That's why he's held the title so long.

And that's why a visibly sub-par Race climbed through the ropes that night in Tampa. It became a duel between an unusually weary Race and an incredibly vital Rhodes. When Rhodes started, he didn't seem aware of Race's condition.

Five days after losing the belt to Dusty Rhodes, Harley Race was again in possession of the NWA championship belt. Harley, too, had to spill some blood for his victory.





Three of Rhodes' patented bionic elbowsmashes finished off Harley Race (above). A piledriver by Rhodes (below) weakened Race considerably.



"I thought it would be my typical title bout and Race would use some lousy trick and keep his belt," Rhodes said. "But, ah, something in the way I moved made me think this could be the night."

It had to happen someday. A man can only be sharp every night for so long. Harley Race had to be off one night. And a man could only bang on the title door so many times before it would cave in. Rhodes banged hard enough. That night in Tampa, he used explosive ambitions and blew the whole room apart.

Afterwards, Race was disconsolate, though far from



A despondent Harley Race, separated from the NWA belt for the first time in three years, contemplates his future.

subdued.

"I was rotten out there," Race said, shrugging away the pain. "I'm not allowed a bad night? I was unlucky. I've had matches where I was off but my opponent couldn't capitalize. Rhodes is good. But I'm better. That'll be shown."

Race had to wait two days for his assertion to be proven. In that time, he grunted and endured the flamboyant reign of Dusty Rhodes. Feted with gala affairs, serenaded by bands, mobbed by adoring fans sharing in the triumph, Rhodes the Champ resembled a medieval court.

Even despair has its brighter moments. For the first time in years, the awesome, indeed, awful pressure of the title was off Race. He could relax. Almost.

"Oh, I wanted to prove that night was a fluke," Race said. "But it was a different feeling not being champion. It'd been a long time. I'd almost forgotten what it was like not having everyone pointing the finger at you. Someone else had the weight on his head. Also the glory."

These two days before the  
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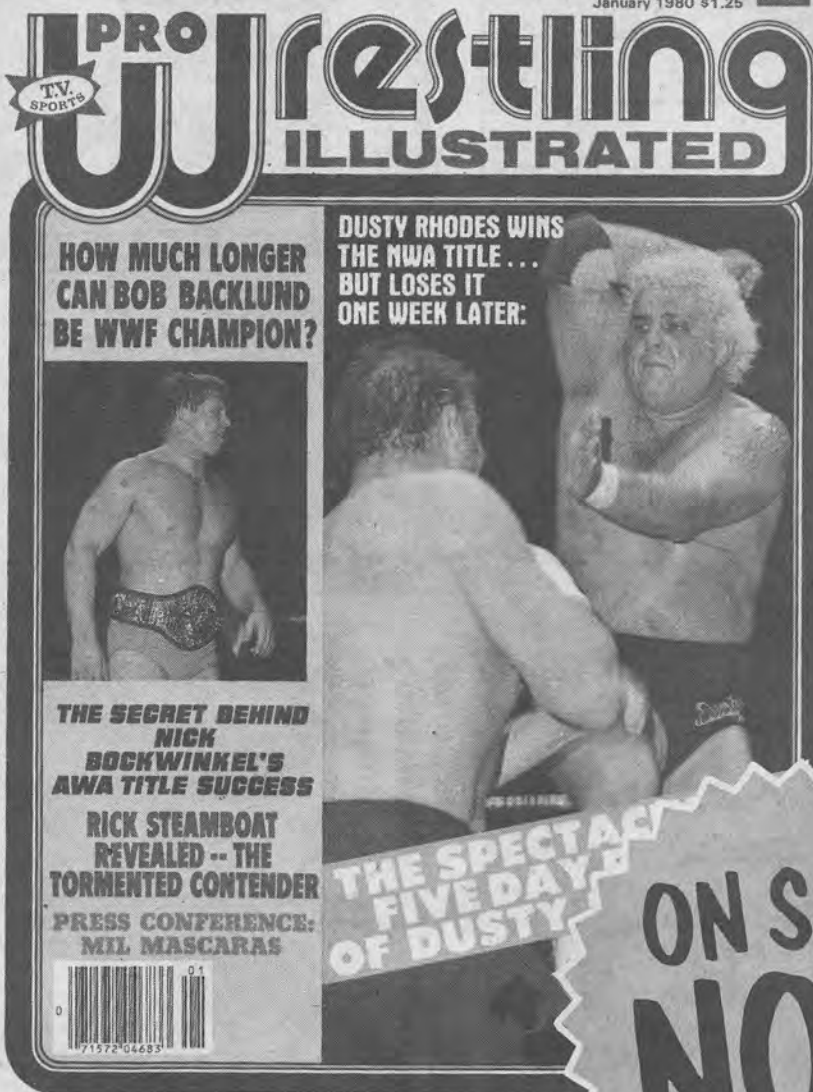
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BOB BACKLUND



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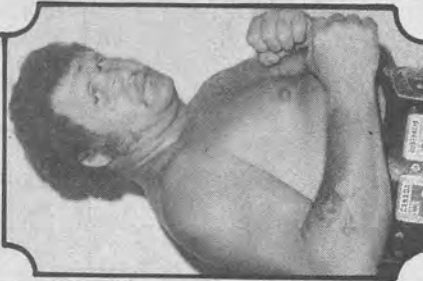


Champion:  
NICK BOCKWINKEL



1—BILLY ROBINSON

## National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:  
HARLEY RACE



1—DUSTY RHODES

## Most Popular Wrestlers



1—BOB BACKLUND  
& IVAN PUTSKI  
(TIE)



3—DUSTY RHODES

## Most Hated Wrestlers



1—JIMMY SNUKA

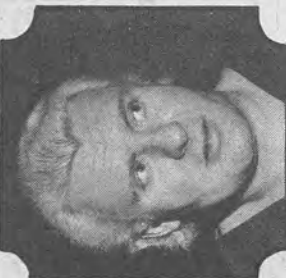


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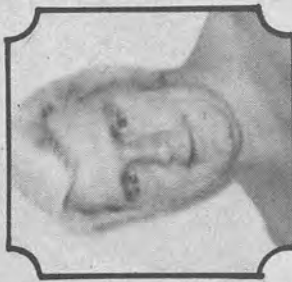
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BARON VON RASCHKE







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3—PAT PATTERSON



4—GREG  
VALENTINE

5—IVAN PUTSKI

6—CHIEF JAY

7—TED DiBIASE

8—NIKOLAI

9—VOLKOFF

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His face bloodied, his clothes ripped, Tommy Rich retaliates with his belt buckle (above). Ivan Koloff takes aim with his heeled boot (below).

**T**OMMY RICH REPRESENTS everything that Ivan Koloff hates in a man. Not only is he American, but he's all-American. Not only is he handsome, but he is besieged by females before and after each of his matches. Not only is he a talented scientific wrestler, but he has come farther at the present stage of his career than any wrestler since Verne Gagne.

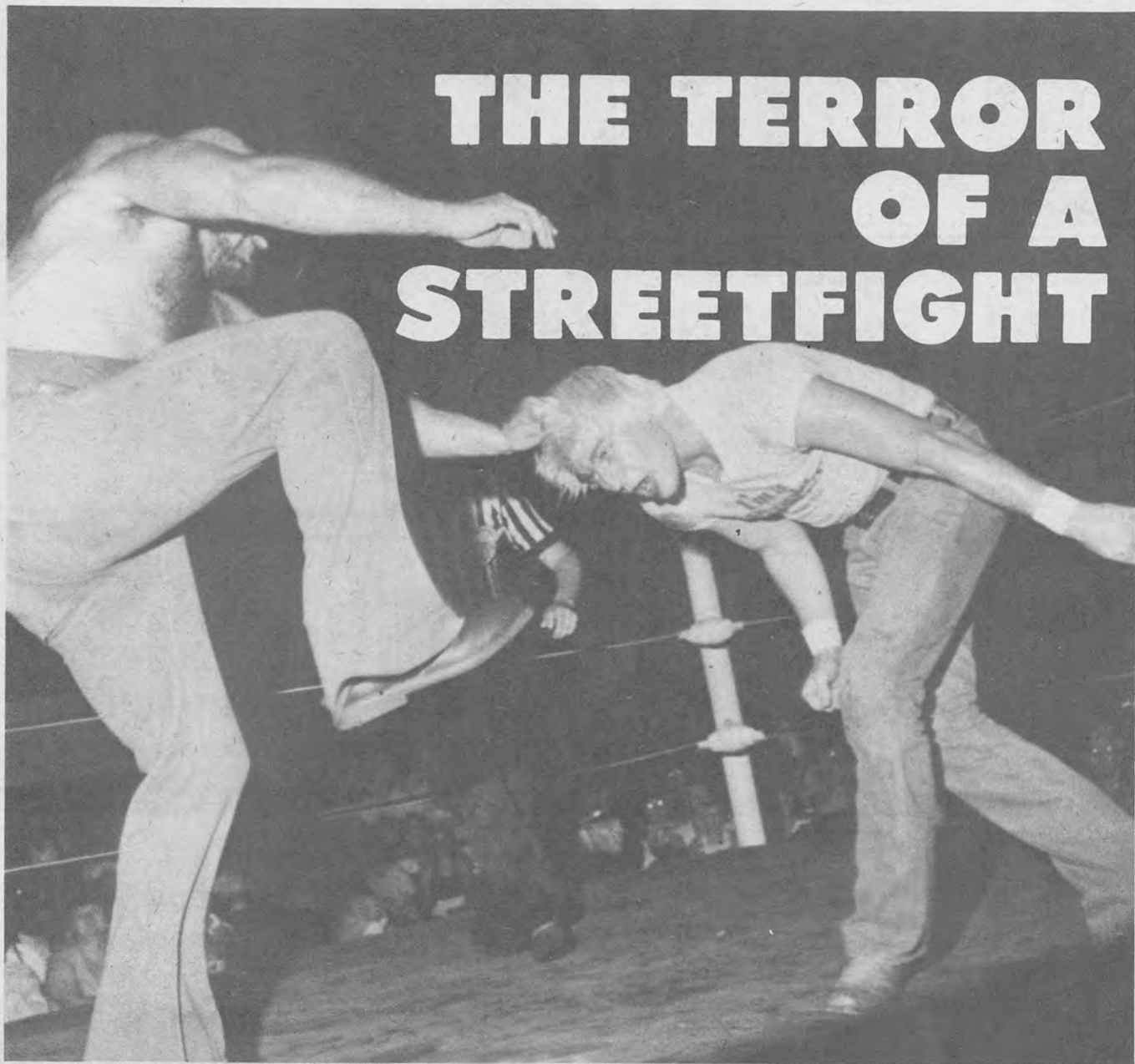
Ivan Koloff resents Tommy Rich. And he wants to do away with him.

It has become an obsession with Koloff. He really knows little of Rich. They have never even had a conversation. So how can he possibly hate him?

"He can and does," said Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods, who has wrestled Koloff on numerous occasions and is regarded as Rich's mentor. "A man like Koloff is difficult to explain. His mind is so filled with propaganda, that he doesn't really know who he likes and who he doesn't like. He is no longer capable of making that kind of decision. It is all programmed into him."

Mr. Wrestling has done his best to keep Rich alerted to any tactic or ploy the former WWF champion might use. But when it comes to reasoning with Rich about Koloff, he has had very little success. "The more Koloff shows

## THE TERROR OF A STREETFIGHT

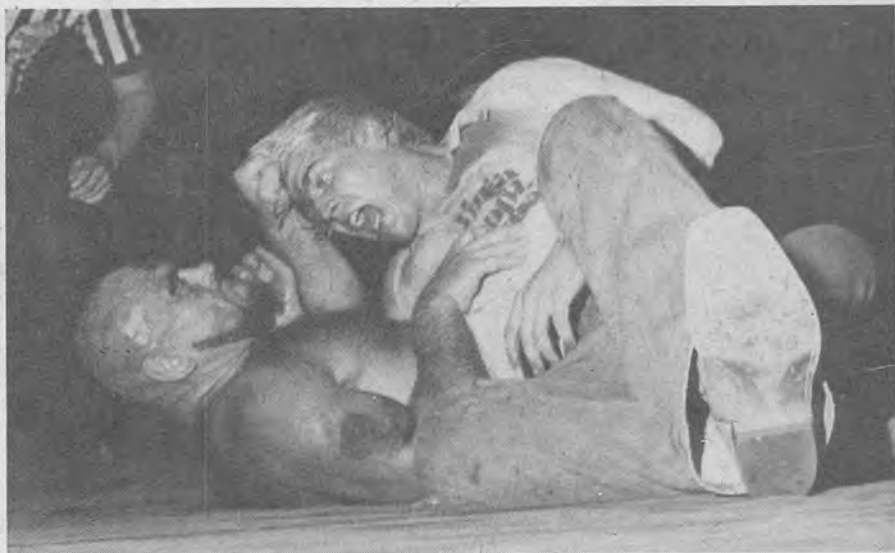




his hatred for Tommy, the more Tommy's feeling of hatred for Koloff grows," Mr. Wrestling said. "Tommy can't deal with being hated. He's a different person when it comes to Koloff."

When Koloff challenged Rich to a street match, Rich accepted despite a stiff warning from Mr. Wrestling. "The boy's playing right into his hands," he said. "Look at the way Tommy wrestles and look at the way Koloff wrestles and tell me who is better suited for street fighting."

When the match was over, even Mr. Wrestling was stunned. "I knew Tommy was good," he said excitedly. "I knew he was quick. I

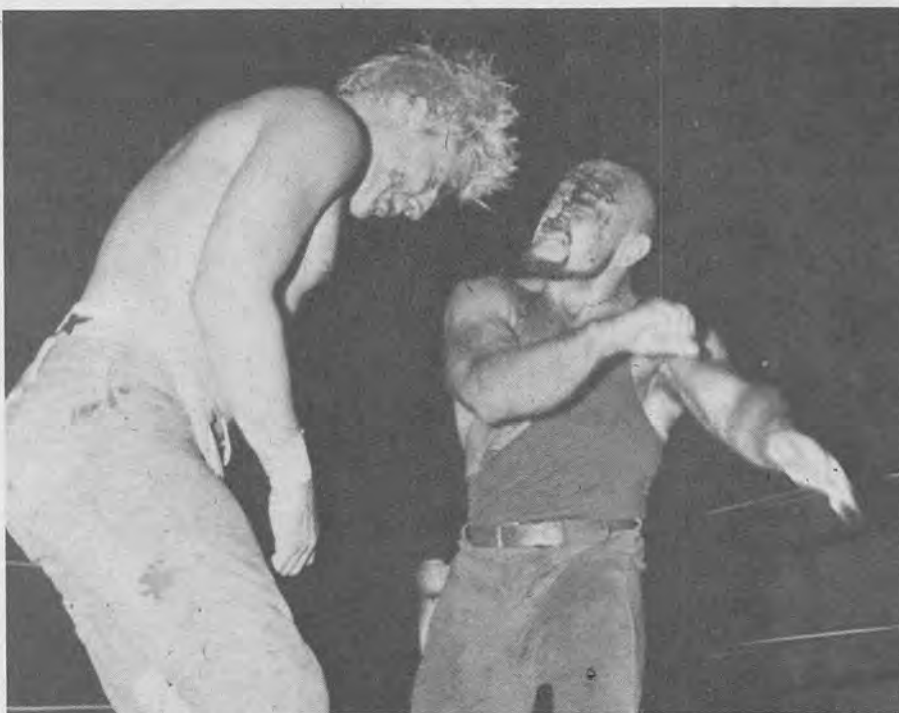


Koloff pulls Rich's hair exposing a deep gash on Tommy's forehead. Eventually, Koloff suffered even a deeper cut. Tommy Rich is a different man when it comes to wrestling Ivan Koloff.

**Tommy Rich is still learning. And he must take part in both the good and bad facets of wrestling. Rich has been attacked and betrayed. Now he goes through another ordeal, another test of courage which he must pass if he is to ever become champion**

knew he was scientific. But I saw a side of him today that I never saw before. He was tough. Tougher than tough. He handled Koloff out there. He made him look foolish. He beat him at his own game."

Officially, the match ended in a draw, but even Koloff would have to admit that he was soundly beaten. Except for the fact that the match was held in a ring, this was a true street fight.



It was a fearsome battle. Both wrestlers were on the verge of collapse as it drew to a close. There was no decision, however. The contest was halted at the time limit.

The combatants wore street clothing (including heeled shoes) and brought common street objects into the ring. It was not a wrestling match. It was a fight for life inside a wrestling ring.

"I lived in New York three years," Koloff said before the brawl. "I know how to fight in street."

But the southern boy was not intimidated. Rich neglected all he ever learned about the science of wrestling and brawled the Russian for the length of the contest. Their clothes were shredded, their bodies were bruised. They beat each other, but they could not beat the clock. The time limit stopped the match and possibly saved a life.

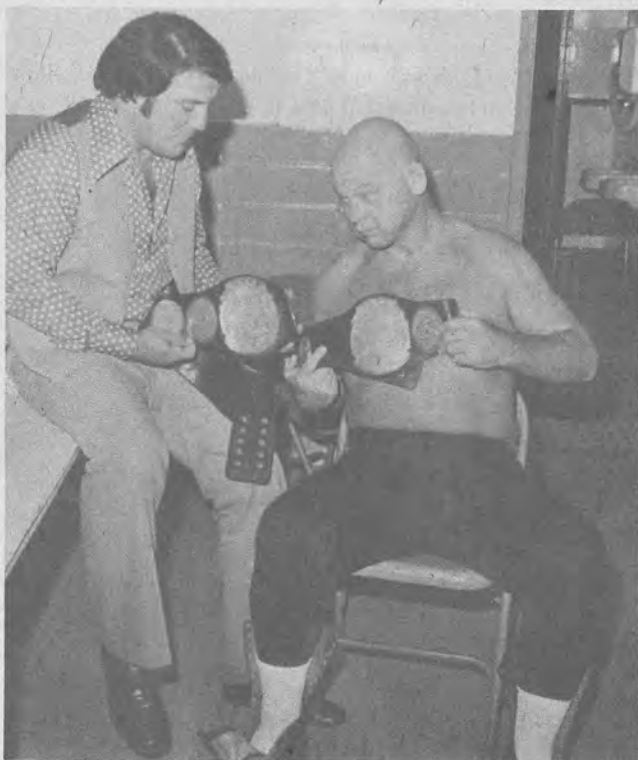
Tommy Rich sat by his locker, his face resting in his hands. Mr. Wrestling did his best to console him. "You surprised a lot of people out there, Tommy," he said, patting him on the shoulder. "I must admit, I was one of them."

"He walked out of the ring, didn't he?" Rich asked without lifting his head. Then he muttered, "Next time, he won't." □

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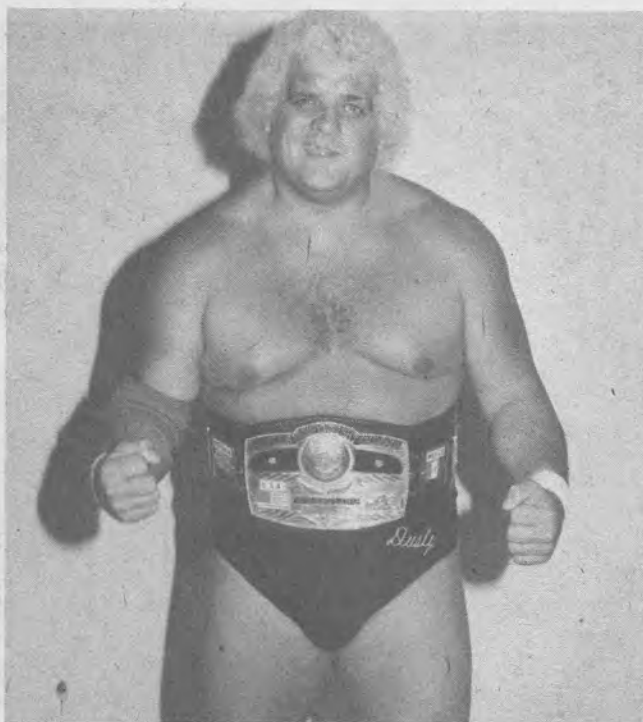
# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING



Paul Jones (left) and Baron Von Raschke, who appeared to be headed further and further away from the NWA tag team title, surprised everyone when they defeated Ric Flair and Blackjack Mulligan for the belts.

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.:** Ate a kosher burrito in Miami and nearly lost my life. Finally made it for a memorable title match. Geez, this has been a helluva trip. Just when it seemed that it was time to write the wrestling obit for Paul Jones and Baron Von Raschke, boom, they get back the NWA tag team title from Ric Flair and Blackjack Mulligan. This area is getting difficult to handicap. Last time I saw Jones and Von Raschke, they looked like last year's yogurt. Or my chest X-rays. But that's why they put erasers on pencils, as a friend often says. Course, my friend isn't well. But neither were Mulligan and Flair. To remain a champ, you must really want it. To be honest, I don't think anyone in this quartet is hungry enough.

**TAMPA, FLA.:** What a week! I was fortunate to be able to be at the Fort Hesterly Arena when history was made. A lot has been said about Dusty Rhodes and not all favorable. Some of it has come from these fingers. But he is a talented man. More so, he's persistent and gutsy. By now, all fans are aware that Rhodes defeated Harley Race for the NWA title, only to lose it back five days later. Analyses and commentaries on the importance of this event will continue long into the night. I don't want to talk about that. I want to talk about the crowd. I've never seen such an explosion of affection as the night Rhodes won the title. It was pent-up, simmering over years of shared frustrations. Truly, this moment can be called a triumph for *both* fan and wrestler.



Dusty Rhodes proudly poses with the NWA belt after defeating Harley Race. It was a major victory for both Dusty and his fans.



**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**



The wrestling world is still trying to find out what provoked Terry Funk to attack Dusty Rhodes before his title defense against Harley Race. Rhodes wrestled with a broken arm and was beaten.

**ORLANDO, FLA.:** If Tampa was incredible, Orlando was amazing! Spent the afternoon at the beach, where I slept for several hours. Miraculously, the wine glass stayed on my chest, so my gorgeous body was red except for this round white spot. I arrived at the arena stiff and burnt, though unprepared for the night's activities. Now, I've been writing for longer than I can remember. Seen 'em all. Thought I'd seen everything. Not quite. Space won't permit me to fully convey what happened. Let it rest, for now, that Terry Funk, for reasons still unknown, raced into the ring and broke Rhodes' arm. Let it rest, for now, that Race retaliated by slugging Funk. It gets weirder. Rhodes, though injured, refused postponement of the match. Rhodes lost the title. Incredible. I've been investigating the whys and hows of this extraordinary week. I want to know why Harley Race looked sluggish the night he lost the title. I want to know why Terry Funk interfered and attacked Dusty Rhodes. I want to know why Rhodes didn't postpone the bout. I want to know what the hell happened down here. More importantly, the public wants to know. Indeed, the public *must* know.



Is it true that Bob Backlund is considering abdicating his WWF throne? Reports that he is depressed about some of the attitudes and activities of his fellow wrestlers could not be confirmed.

**NEW YORK, N.Y.:** No reason why my trip should end calmly. When my reliable source told me this hot tip, I nearly fell off the stool. According to sources close to Bob Backlund, the young WWF champion is contemplating giving up his diamond belt! Efforts to confirm or deny this rumor were met with silence. No one would speak to me. According to my source, Backlund has been despondent over the conduct of both friend and foe. Backlund is lucky to have Arnold Skoaland as manager. Arnie knows how to shake a wrestler out of a depression. □

# ONE ON



*(These two wrestlers were involved in the strangest bout in recent wrestling history. It wasn't the first time they'd met. Several years ago, Harley Race captured the NWA title from Terry Funk in a bruising match. They have never forgotten that. The contempt bordering on hatred erupts from time to time. In Orlando, it exploded in a volcano of rage. Fans everywhere know what happened. But they don't know why. While rumors abound, Terry Funk has maintained silence in Amarillo. Finally, Funk has consented to talk about that night. But not to us. Only to Harley Race, who was at his home in Kansas City.)*

**TERRY FUNK:**

Well, well, mister champion, sir.



Picturephone photos courtesy of Bell Telephone.

**HARLEY RACE:**

No thanks to you.

**TF:** Hah, no thanks to me! You think you coulda won a

marble contest without me?

**HR:** Nothing to do with it.

**TF:** What you talkin' about, fool? I knew you couldn't

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# NONE



whip Rhodes by yourself so I had to help.

**HR:** I won it by myself.

**TF:** You won nothin', turkey. If it weren't for me, Rhodes would still have the belt wrapped around his fat gut.

**HR:** Why'd you do it?

**TF:** What?

**HR:** Why'd you interfere in a damned championship match, you bum? You had

no damn business in there.

**TF:** I had that belt once, Race.

**HR:** Once, you bum. Not about to happen again.

**TF:** Who's gonna stop me?

**HR:** Me and people who play fair.

**TF:** Oh, give me a break, pull out the cryin' towels. You and people who wrestle fair. What, there are two of you? Hey, since when are you the

little Dutch boy fighting off evil?

**HR:** Least I never pulled no garbage like that.

**TF:** Race your list of cheap tricks could fill a gorilla's mouth and then some. You've done more to cheapen and disgrace the title than any man I know, except one.

**HR:** You mean Rhodes?

**TF:** Hey, you ain't quite as stupid as you look. Listen, oaf, I did you a favor.

**HR:** When you opened your yap on television and said . . .

**TF:** I say a lot of things on television.

**HR:** So you lied on television?

**TF:** No, I didn't lie.

**HR:** You just said . . .

**TF:** If you'd let me finish, man. I didn't lie. But I couldn't exactly tell the whole story.

**HR:** Yeah?

**TF:** There are a lot of people involved in this, man, and it's a whole lot bigger than you can imagine.

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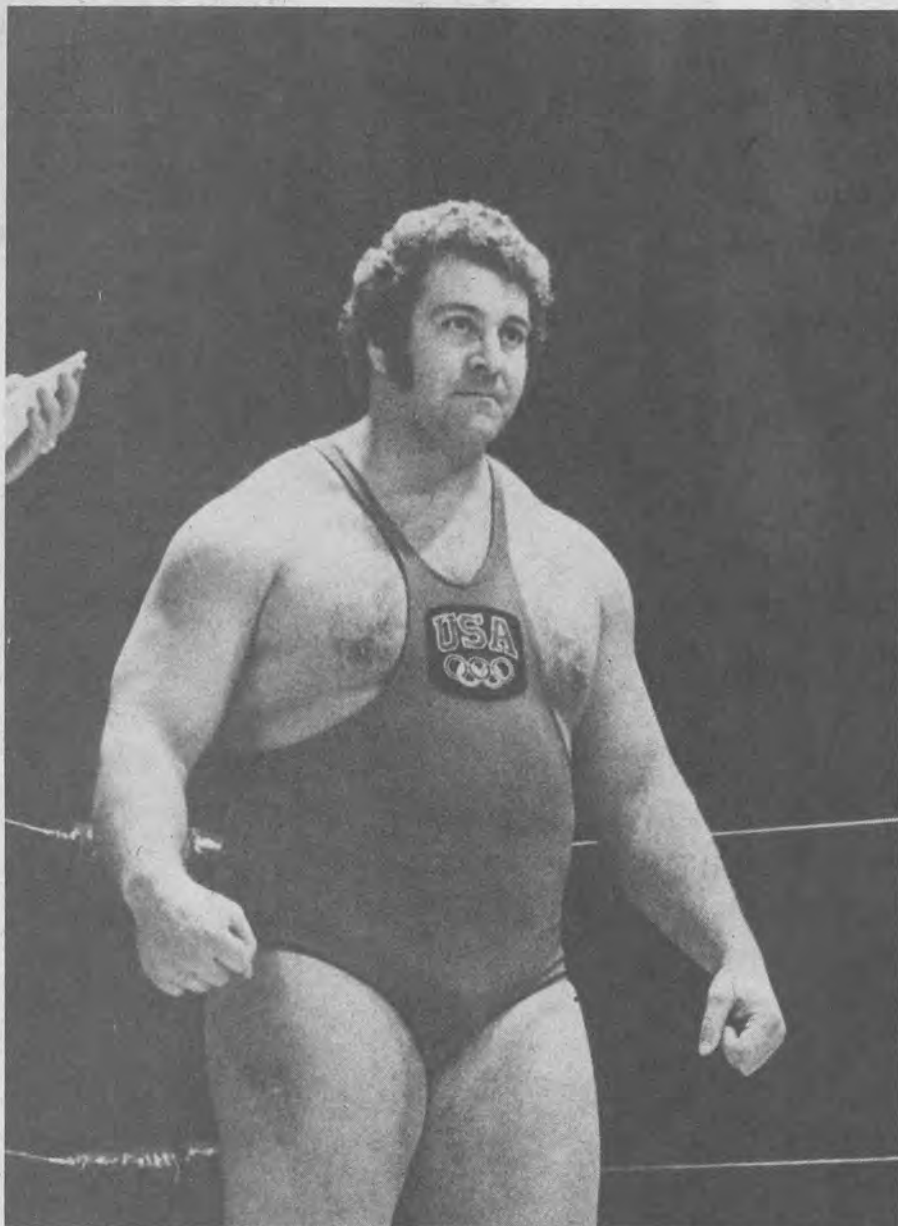
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# THE INSIDER

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Ken Patera, who competed as a weightlifter for the United States in the 1972 Olympics, eyes his opponent before one of his first pro matches. Patera entertained thoughts of campaigning to add pro wrestling to the Olympic Games, but has decided against it since only amateurs are eligible to compete.

"What business is it of yours, Farface, whether Hatori is my manager or not?" he mumbled. "I won't even recognize your stupid statement with a denial or a confirmation; I'll let you keep guessing, you four-eyed fool."

Obviously, Race is not going to make my job any easier. That's okay. In this case, I believe Hatori. And for as long

as photographers like Apter keep shooting away, my investigative appetite will never be filled.

## RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** Ken Patera is privately campaigning to add professional wrestling to the 1980 Summer Olympic games in Moscow.

**FACT:** Patera has mentioned this on occasion in the past. But



he realizes his mission is hopeless. The Olympics are held for amateur athletes. Professional wrestlers like Patera are handsomely paid for their efforts. Thus, amateur wrestling, while it offers none of the violence, power or artistry of the professional ranks, will continue to grab the Olympic glory every four years.

## INJURY REPORT

The entire wrestling world is concerned with the recovery of "The American Dream," DUSTY RHODES. I am happy to report that Rhodes' arm,



Dusty Rhodes, posing with the NWA belt, is recovering from the broken right arm caused in an attack by Terry Funk.

broken in a cheap, low, sneak-attack by Terry Funk, is healing properly and rapidly. The popular star will be boogeying in ring-center shortly, trying desperately to regain the NWA title. □

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## BEHIND THE DRESSING ROOM DOOR

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straight at his right arm. He will never forget the pain of his right arm cracking under the force of his landing.

The capacity crowd witnessed the incident in shocked disbelief. Harley Race, who seemed to know nothing of Funk's sneak attack, shared the fans' terror momentarily and then reacted by slugging the intruder out of the ring.

Nobody, but nobody expected Rhodes to wrestle, to defend his championship with a broken arm. Nobody would have been disappointed if he did not wrestle.

"You're coming to the hospital," the doctor said after his preliminary diagnosis.

"No way man," Rhodes said grimacing. "I'm here to wrestle. Look at all these people."

Dusty is incapable of hurting those he loves. And that meant every man, woman, and child in that arena. He never considered

Does Terry Funk think that his attack on Dusty Rhodes will help him win back the belt he once wore? He's refused to comment.

not wrestling. His belt, his dream, his health on the line. Dusty did what no other man would do. He's come under heavy criticism. I, too, would have to say that he made a mistake. A very costly mistake. He would still be champion today if he was driven by logic.

But Dusty Rhodes is a man driven by his emotions. The love for his fans would not allow him to send them home disappointed. That was how he felt at the time and that is how he feels now.

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With a thud, Dusty's cast hits his kitchen table. He smiles as he runs his hand across the glass table-top to see if he did any damage. "I forget I've got this danged thing on," he said.



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But he does not forget *why* it's on. He's not bitter about losing the belt to Race. He does not want to discuss Funk. He has no regrets about wrestling with a broken arm.

"Hey," he said, "Race gave me a chance to get out of the bout. But once I said I wanted to wrestle, he had free reign to do anything he wanted during the match. I would have felt that the fans were cheated if he didn't give it his all."



Harley Race once again holds the NWA title. But even he is upset at Funk for his cowardly attack.

"I don't know what provoked Funk to do what he did. Frankly, I'm not concerned about him. What I want is to get well, get another crack at the title, and give that belt back to the fans."

"The fans," he repeated and sighed. "I feel sorry for my fans. I feel like I let them down. Gosh it was nice to be champion."

Why, Dusty, why did you wrestle with a broken arm? He stretched both arms out, his right arm weighed down with a cast extending from his wrist to his shoulder. "The fans," Dusty said, "the fans."

Dusty Rhodes can be accused of one thing. He thinks more with his heart than he does with his brain. It's an uncommon characteristic in modern day sports. Dusty is a rare breed, to be appreciated whether or not he wears a diamond-studded belt. ☐

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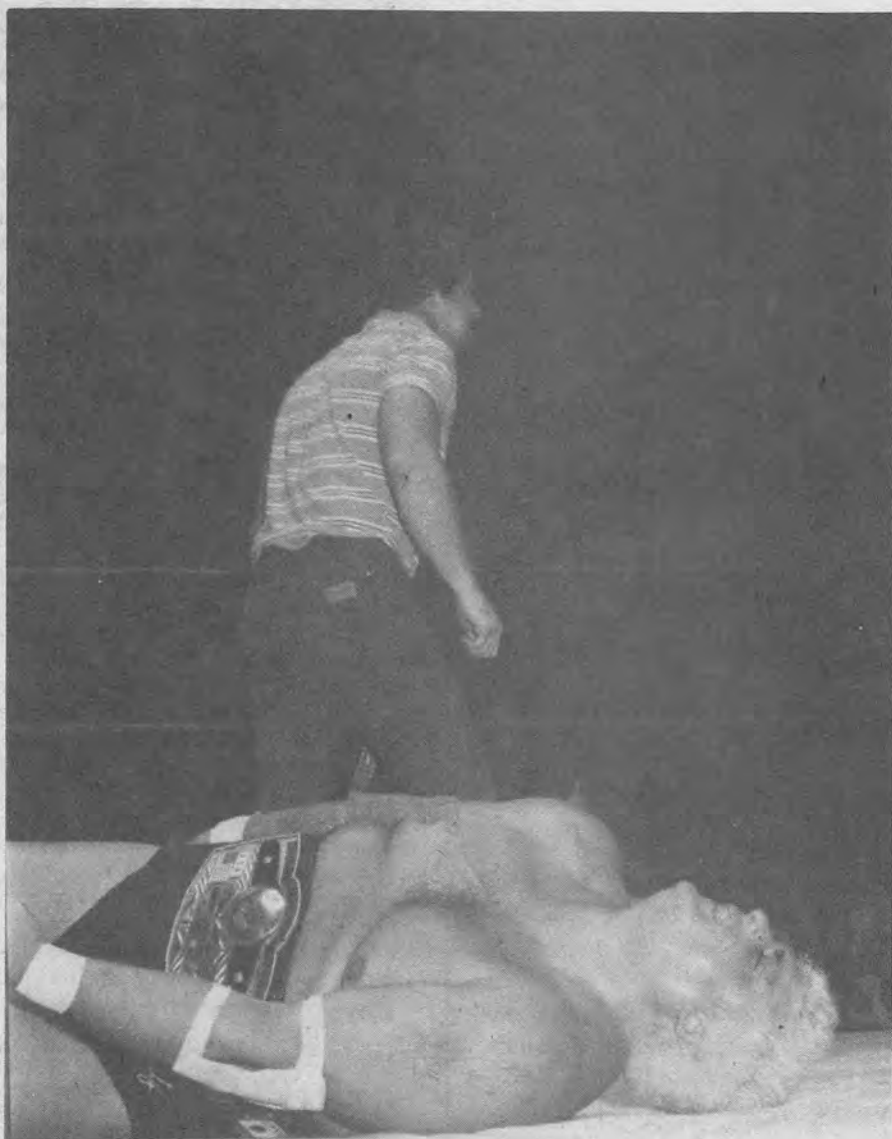
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## ON THE ROAD

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Terry Funk tries to make his departure as Dusty Rhodes writhes on the mat with a broken right arm. Before Funk could get out of the ring, he was slugged in the face by Harley Race.

I approached three youths who appeared to embody the legions of Rhodes. One was slight, with almond-sized eyes. Another was stocky, a freckled face sallow beneath a pile of red hair. The third was tall and bespectacled. Still, their sadness was a unifying force which kept them glued to the back door, waiting.

"You're Dusty Rhodes' fans?" I asked the three boys. They nodded sadly. "Can I ask how you feel?"

There was an awkward, shy silence. The slender youth broke

it with a modest cough.

"I kinda feel like my ankles have been chopped off, you know?" he said, blushing. "When Funk ran in, you know, I thought my heart would pop outta my chest, know what I mean?"

"I, uh, I feel real awful," he said, the almond-sized eyes misting and closing.

His stocky friend looked uncertainly at me, up at the third member, down at the tearful comrade. He cleared his throat, peered harshly and spoke in a deep, firm tone.



"My dog was hit by a truck last week and I thought that was the worst thing that ever happened to me," the youngster said. "Oh, my name's Rick. He's Paul," Rick said, nodding at the slender kid. "And this big guy here is Sammy."

"So I thought that was the worst thing that could happen. Wow, was I ever wrong," Rick sighed, shrugged and wiped the perspiration from his upper lip.

"I loved Rhodes. All of us do," Rick said, lowering his eyes. "I, well, I feel pretty low if you want the truth."



Rhodes' fans clamor to be close to their hero as he approaches the ring for his third match with Harley Race within a five day period.

Sam, the "big guy," shuffled his feet. I sensed he was the leader, sensed he would be the one to complete this portrait of pain. I was right.

"I've followed Dusty Rhodes for nine years, since I was five," Sam began, his shoulders hunched, eyes narrowed with somber intensity. "I have his pictures all over my wall. Each time Dusty would slip and fail, I was crushed. The happiest day of my life was when he beat Race. Now this. It's like seeing a great tree chopped to the ground by a little lumberjack."

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After slashing Rhodes with his belt, Funk climbed the ropes and fractured Dusty's arm with a kneedrop.

"accomplishment." There's a difference between winning something and having it given to you. Dusty settled for the easy way. Instead of booing his failure to win the NWA title, the fans worshipped him. Can we really blame a man for being captured by the fans' mindless adoration?

Now the fans are making excuses for him. "Dusty broke his arm," they whine, "no wonder he lost the title." Hiding behind excuses is always the easy way out. Instead of making Dusty hungry for victory, the fans make him content with excuses. "You don't have to be champion," they soothe, "just be loveable." That's good enough for Dusty. It shouldn't be.

It's about time Dusty took responsibility for himself. He should be ashamed at taking so long to win the title and for keeping it for so short a time. He'd better say to hell with the fans right now if he ever expects to win the NWA belt again. He is the reason he

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is not champion. And despite the fans, not being champion is not good enough.

Maybe it's too late. It's been years since Rhodes was booed by fans, called a rulebreaker, and awed people by his ability. He was hungry in those days. There was nothing he wouldn't do for victory. That man was a champion. Years ago.

Today, Rhodes is a shell of his former self. The hunger in his eyes is gone. Replacing it is the soft glow of a man beloved. For some, that would be more than enough. It shouldn't be enough for Dusty.

Some of Dusty's former friends blame the money. "He got rich in Florida," one bemoans, "and that got him soft. Heroes make too much money down there. The more Dusty made, the more he wanted. He knew the big bucks would come to the popular guy, not the guy who struggled to be champ. Greed destroyed Rhodes. Some men live for money. Some men live for accomplishment. We don't have to guess what makes Dusty run—all the way to the bank."

I disagree. That's not the way Dusty's mind works. He lives for glory, not greenbacks. It's the fans that are doing him in. Perhaps they've already done him in.

It's possible, on a lucky night, Dusty Rhodes will once again become NWA champion. Just like last time, though, he'll lose the belt almost immediately. There'll be other excuses, like he was ambushed or Dusty doesn't wrestle well on Tuesday. No one will say the real reason he blew it.

The fans have made Dusty Rhodes soft and careless. The fans should be ashamed of themselves. □

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# RACE TO RHODES

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rematch were a glorious eternity for Rhodes.

"Bein' champ comes naturally to me," Rhodes said smilingly. "It's like I was born to be champion. It's so nice to go out and congratulate my fans on what we did together."

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That first rematch Thursday night in Key West proved much. It also left a lot of people uncertain. With Rhodes' *second* triumph, all talk of Tuesday night being a fluke was wiped out. Though Race never used it, reliance on his tired condition also disappeared as a rational explanation. What remained was the indisputable fact of Dusty Rhodes, NWA champion. What also remained was Harley Race and his nebulous status.

"Twice," he muttered after the match. "Twice he got me." Race shook his head and dragged his sagging frame into the shower.

Great moments work in threes. So do great men. The inevitability of the third match involving three men was overwhelming. No one was disappointed.

This scene will be spoken of for years to come, whenever wrestling fans and writers gather to discuss the unbelievable, the shocking, the ghastly. Terry Funk ran into the ring. He had street clothes on. Hatred was etched into his face.

Unprovoked, Funk ripped off



Why is Dusty wrestling with one arm (above)? Before the match, he was attacked by Terry Funk, who broke his right arm with a kneedrop (left). Dusty could not defend the title with one arm and is helped from the ring.

his belt and swung it into Rhodes. Dusty stumbled, his handsome features convulsed with anguish. His arm below the wrist was broken, but he refused to cancel the match.

Funk sauntered over to Race, who was disgusted by the attack. Snarling, "I got him for you, Race," Funk was overcome by his own arrogance. Surprise joined the picture when Race belted Funk.

It was a confusing night. It is sufficient to announce that Race regained his title. Rhodes' future is in question. How effective a bionic elbowsmash will be after breaking the arm is questionable.

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## STRONGBOW

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Occasionally, Chief Jay Strongbow shows signs of being able to wrestle as a rulebreaker, according to Shocket. Here the Chief digs a cane into the ribs of George Steele outside the ring.

rulebreaker (whenever a wrestler seemed to be getting smart), what did the WWF do? Naturally, it teamed him with Strongbow. The official line: Jay will convince the guy to remain scientific. More often than not, the guy exploded during a match and Strongbow was outnumbered three-to-one. How's that for protecting an athlete?

It's amazing Strongbow is still around, considering how little his "friends" have cared for him. At the rate he's going, he'll have two years of getting beaten before they cut him off without a thank you. That's what you can expect from friends like that.

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Other managers agree with Albano. As far as Strongbow is concerned, never has so much been wasted for so little. In a poll of 20 managers, six picked Strongbow as the scientific wrestler they'd most like to reform.

If Strongbow is indeed reading this, it is hoped he will get in contact with one of these men. Their history of hatred makes it doubtful Strongbow and Albano

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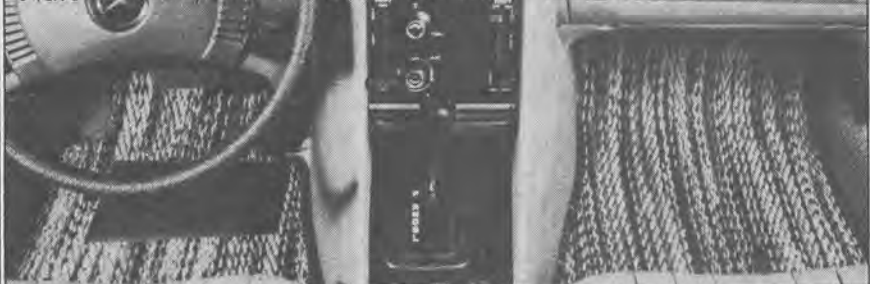
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could ever form an alliance, but other managers could successfully guide him. It's not too late, though time is running out fast.

"I give Strongbow maybe two years," Bobby Heenan says, "before he's washed up. If I was running him, though, he could be champion for a decade. I've never seen a guy so determined to do himself in. What makes him always go against his own best interests? Some guys are nuts.



Shocket feels that Strongbow has taken more than his share of punishment simply because he lacks the direction of a manager.

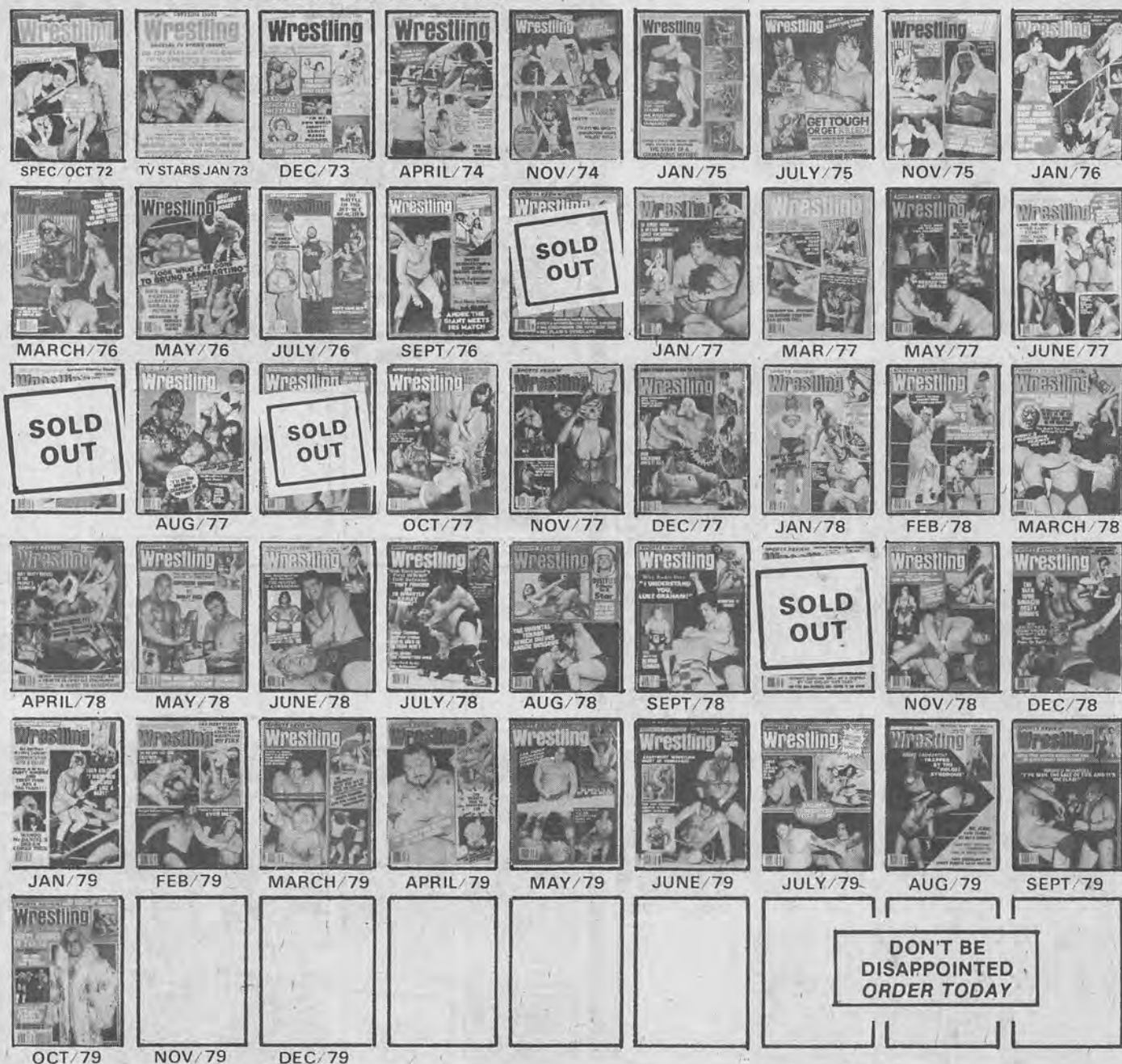
"Do you realize the punishment his body has taken? Is he crazy? Does he think he can absorb all punishment without damage? It doesn't take an expert to see he moves differently than a year ago. I'll bet any amount he has to favor either his right arm or leg. One bad break and he's a cripple."

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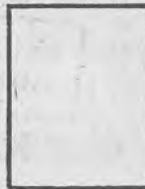
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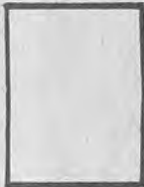


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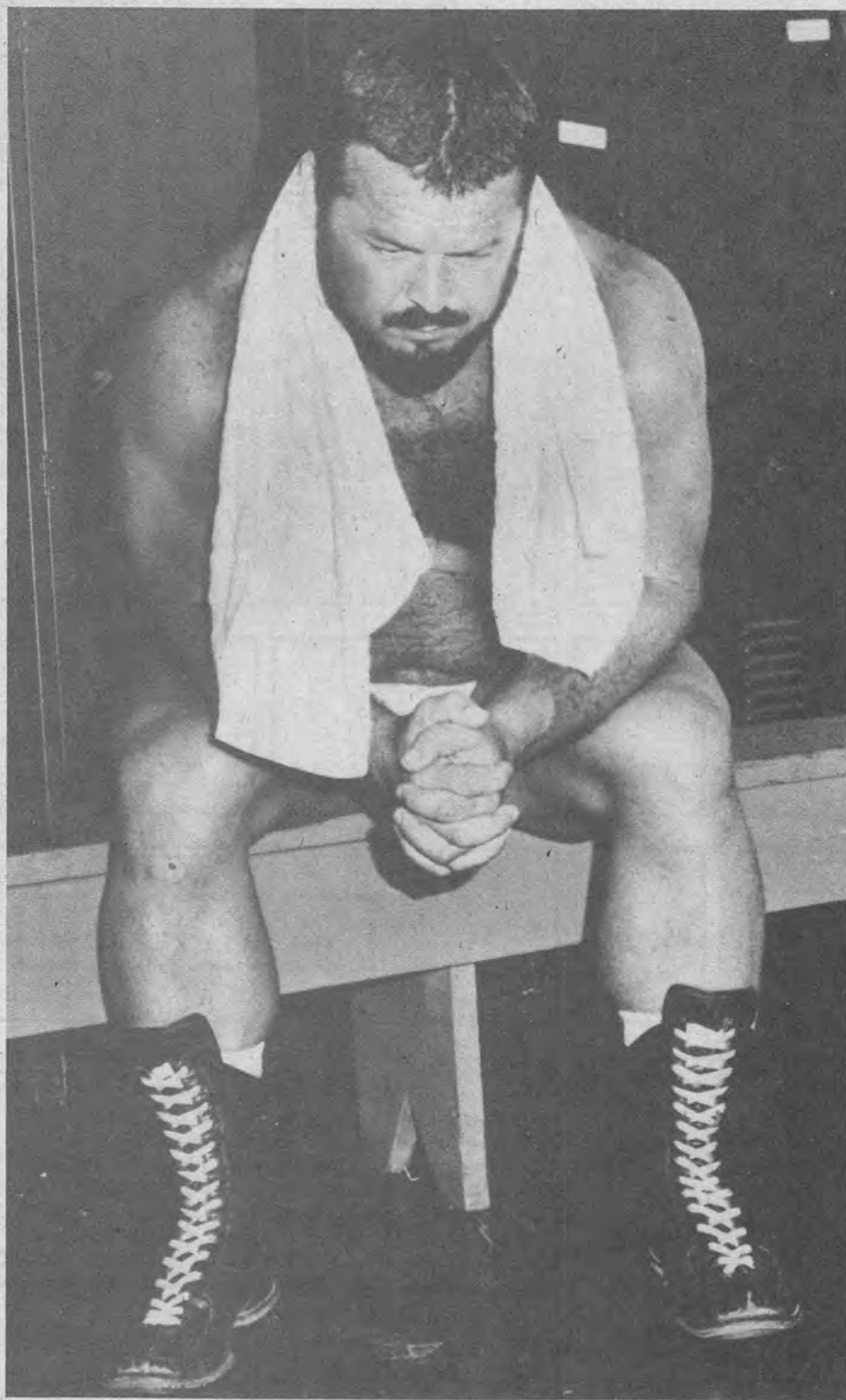
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Ivan Putski contemplates whether or not he should leave the WWF. Carla and Lia Tallone of Philadelphia would like to see him stay.

### IVAN, PLEASE STAY

In the October 1979 issue of *INSIDE WRESTLING*, Ivan Putski was on The Hotseat. In the interview, Ivan said he wanted his fans to help him

decide if he should stay or leave the WWF. Well, my sister and I love Ivan Putski and we think he should stay in the WWF.

CARLA & LIA TALONE  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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KAREN WYATT  
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Reader Karen Wyatt wants to see an *INSIDE WRESTLING* feature on her favorite, Tiger Conway Jr.

### IN WITH THE NEW

It's a sign of the times that a man like Dan Shocket can be allowed to continue writing for *INSIDE WRESTLING*. He has never written a fair article in his life.

We wrestling followers got some good news, though—Stu Saks. His initial column (Behind the Dressing Room Door/November 1979) shows a lot about his character. It is obvious that he is a dedicated and hard-working reporter. And most importantly, he is a fair journalist. In his first column he spoke for the fans when he said how he feels about rule-breakers. For the fans, I'd like to tell Stu how happy we are he is with the magazine and I wish him the best of luck.

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# ONE ON ONE

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Above: Terry holds Race in a headlock during a 1976 match in St. Louis. The Terry Funk-Harley Race feud has been alive for five years. The feud was renewed when Funk attacked Dusty Rhodes before his title defense against Race.

**HR:** Try me.

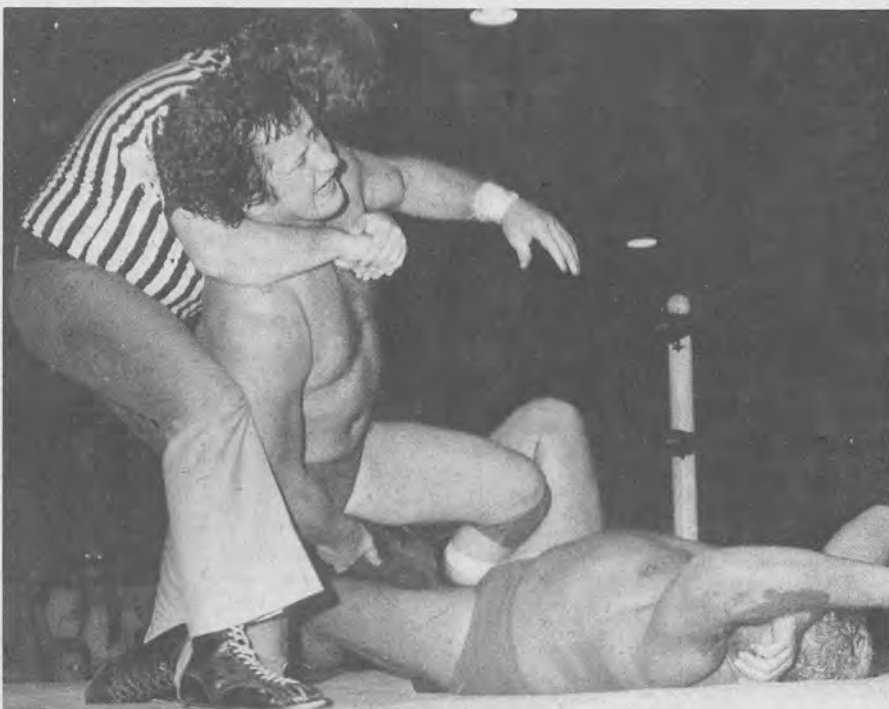
**TF:** You wouldn't understand, man. It's somethin' that digs right into the core of wrestling.

**HR:** Oh, save it and shove it, Funk. Let's boil away all the crap, okay? You ran into the ring and senselessly attacked Rhodes, for whom I haven't

much regard, but it wasn't fair. You break a guy's arm and then try to slide out of it by sayin' there's more involved. Like what?

**TF:** Think I'd tell you, turkey?

**HR:** You're so messed up you don't know which way is out. I know why you did that.



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TF: Speak.

HR: You're jealous, Funk. You know your best days are behind you. When you saw Rhodes, it made your face rash up because you knew you could never whup him in a fair fight. So you had to get your frustrations out somehow and the only way



Harley Race defeated Funk for the NWA title during this match in 1977 and retained it until being beaten by Rhodes.



Race attempts to whip Funk across the ring, but Terry reverses the maneuver and takes the advantage.

you could is through a cowardly attack. It's over for you, Funk. Face it.

TF: Anytime, Harley boy.

HR: Name the arena, Funk.

TF: Let's get on it right away. I want your blood.

HR: Gonna cost you heavy, Funk. Awful heavy. ☐

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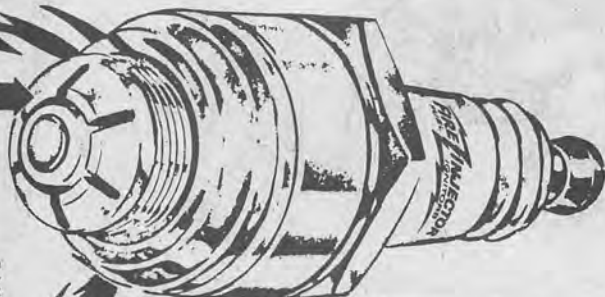
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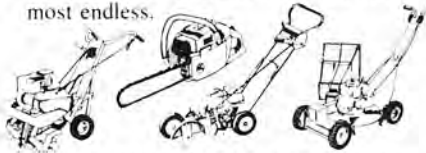
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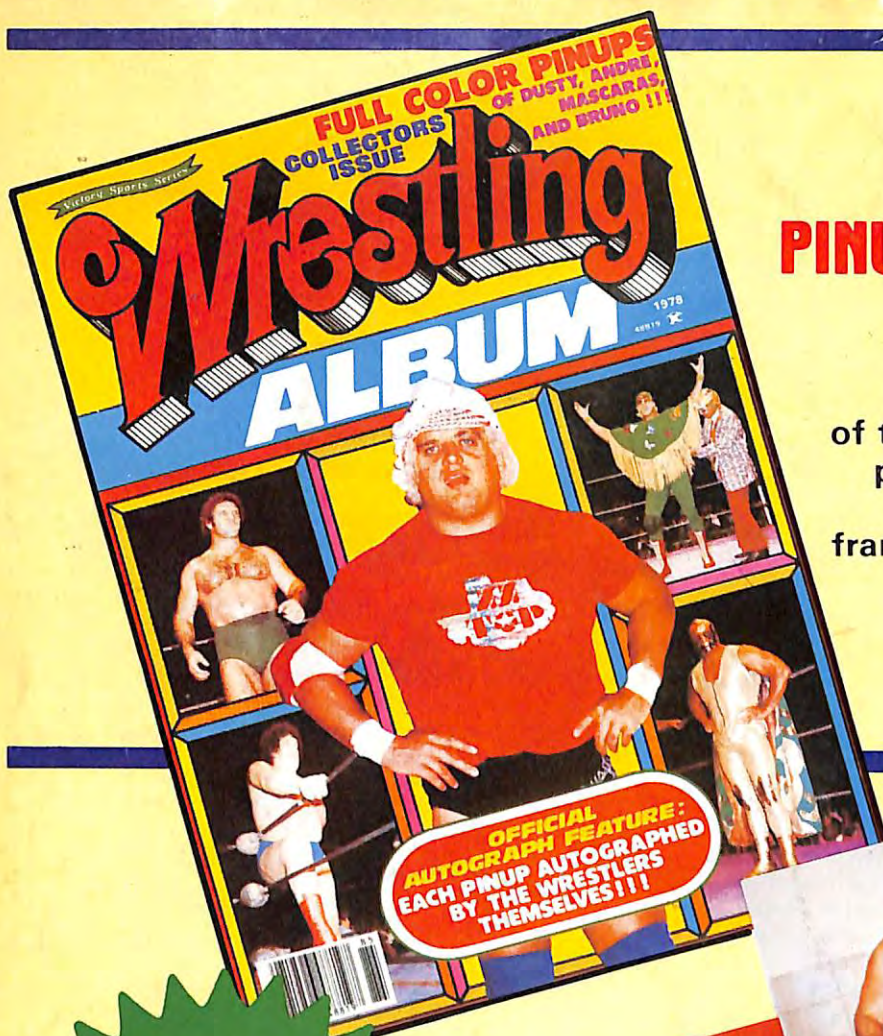
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